

THE UNBELIEVABLE JIM



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NEW!
THERE HAS
NEVER BEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE IT!

THERE'S
NOTHING HOLDING
HIM UP. C'MON, JIM,
WHAT'S THE
SECRET?

AWW,
IT'S A
TRICK!



IS IT
A TRICK? ANSWER IS INSIDE!

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JIM'S FRIENDS AND FOES



DASH, THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S STAR ATHLETE AND JIM DANDY'S IDOL!



TUMBLES, JIM DANDY'S TRUE FRIEND. WHO'S ALWAYS THERE WHEN HE WANTS HIM, ALSO WHEN HE DOESN'T.



SNACKS, POP OWNS A MEAT MARKET. WHICH SHOWS LITTLE PROFIT. THE "LET'S YOU AND HIM FIGHT" BOY.



DENISE, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THE SECRET FORCE BEHIND JIM AND DASH'S DRIVE FOR GLORY.

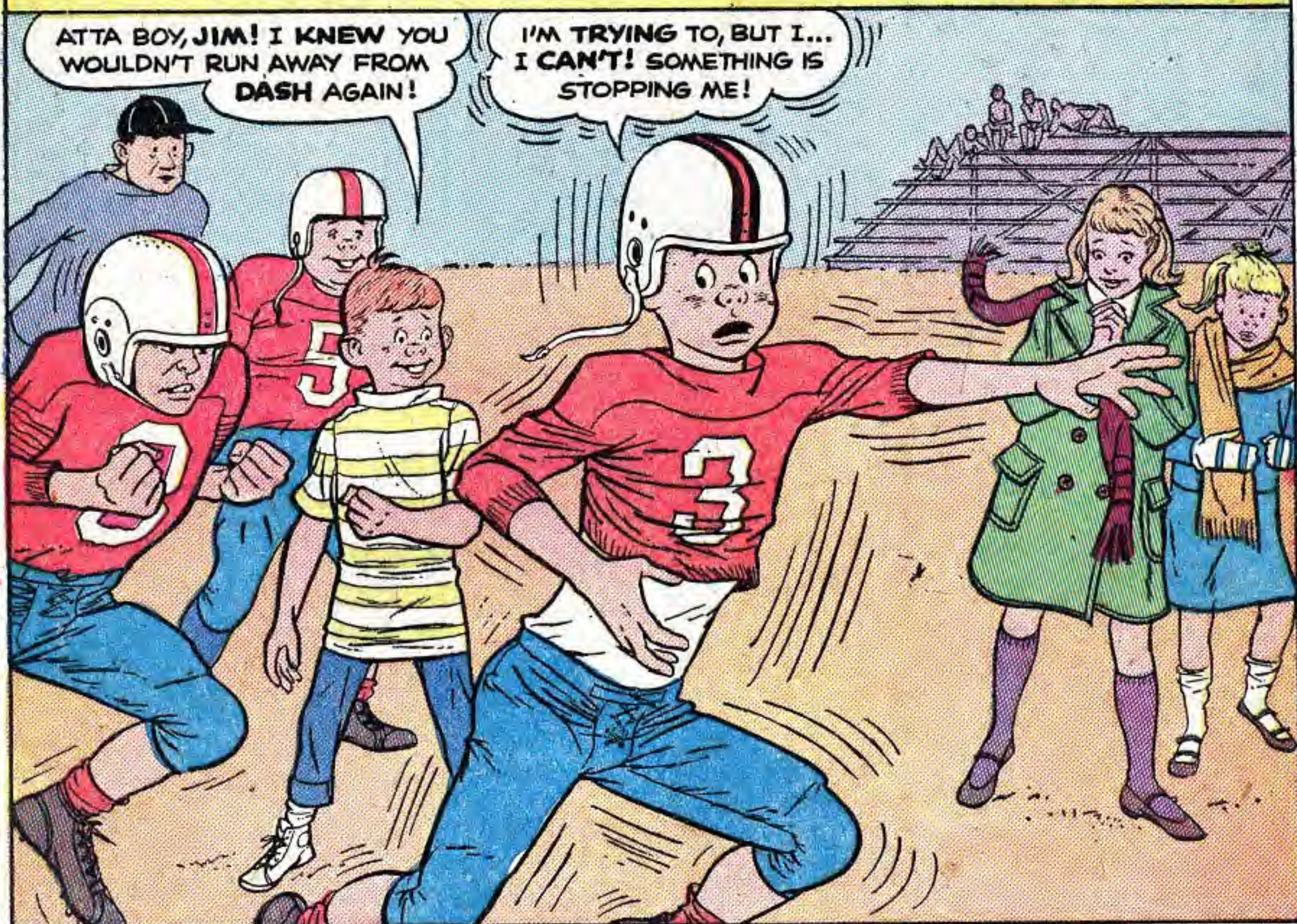


BONNIE, SHE WANTS A BOY FRIEND. ANY BOY WILL DO AS LONG AS HE'S HANDSOME, SMART AND POPULAR.

CUP ISN'T HE CUTE? NOW, HOW IS THAT FOR A PHYSIQUE? AND THAT EXPRESSION! OH, THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WON'T SEE HIM UNTIL LATER. FOR A STRANGE REASON!

THE UNBELIEVABLE JIM DANDY

"THE MYSTERIOUS BEAM"



ATTA BOY, JIM! I KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T RUN AWAY FROM
DASH AGAIN!

I'M TRYING TO, BUT I...
I CAN'T! SOMETHING IS
STOPPING ME!

JIM! YOUR
SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL
TRYOUTS START TO-
MORROW! WANT
YOUR OLD MAN TO
GIVE YOU A FEW
POINTERS?

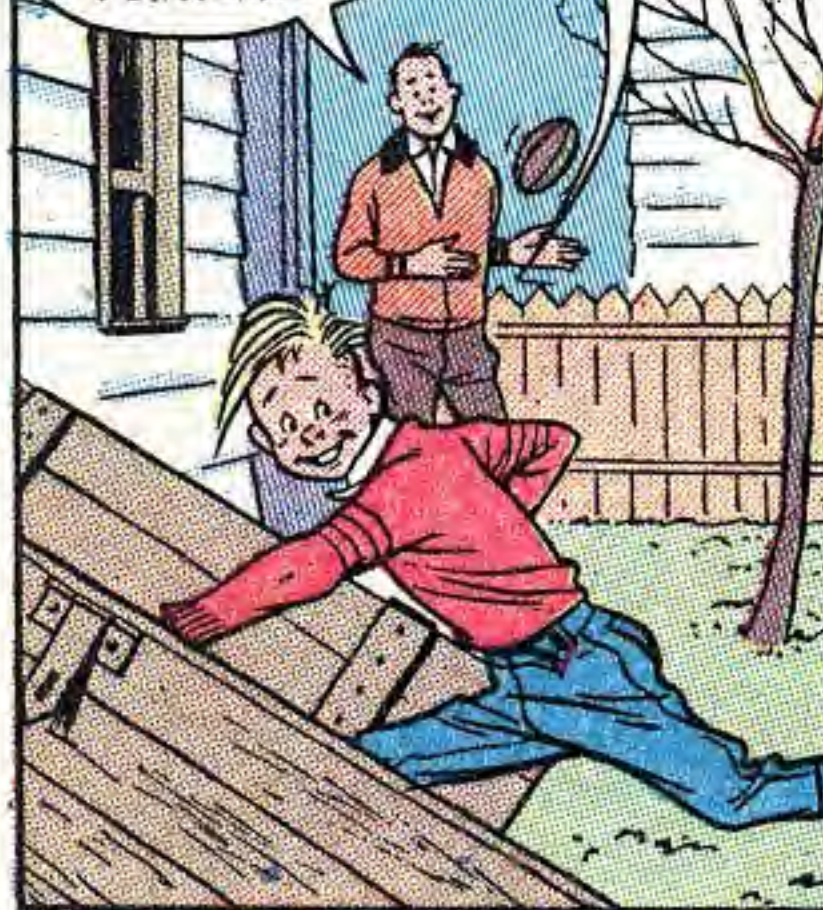
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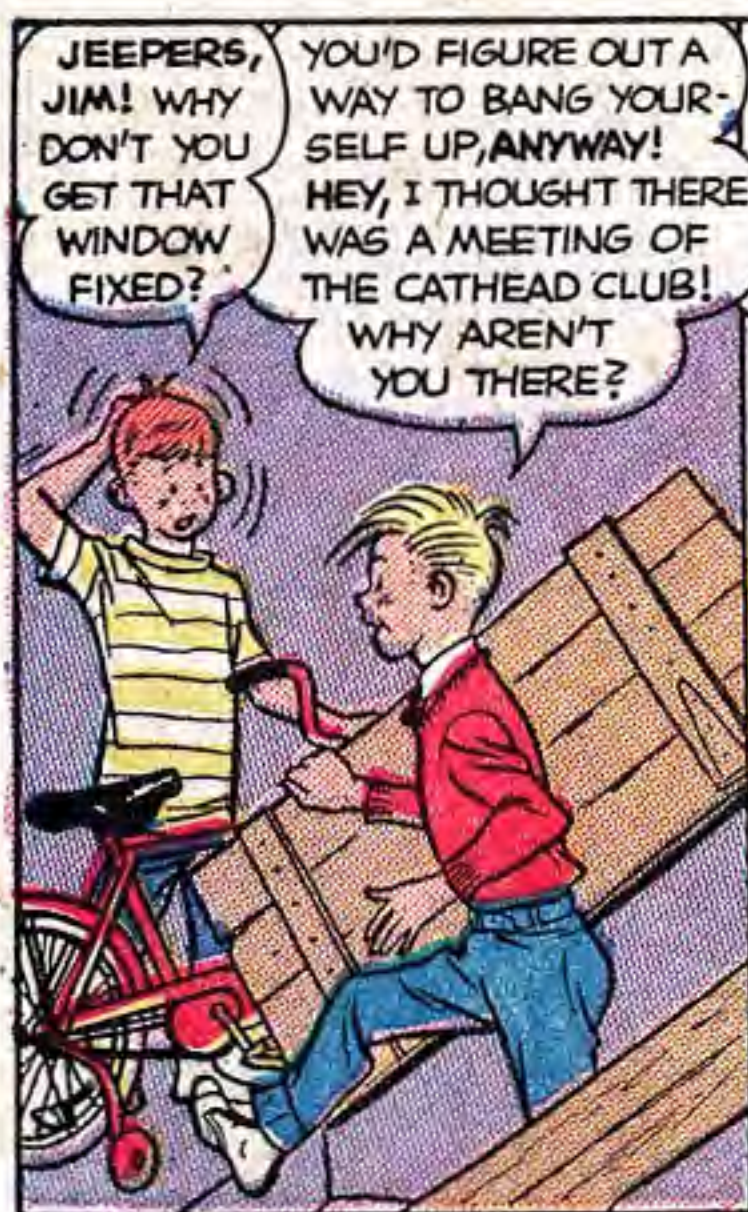
AW, C'MON
OUT, JIM!
I'LL LET YOU
TAKE A
RIDE ON MY
BIKE!

BEAT IT, TUMBLES!
WHO WANTS TO
RIDE ON YOUR
LEARNER'S BIKE?
I HAVE MESSAGES
TO SEND OUT
TO SPACE!

AWW, QUIT KIDDING ME, JIM!
YOU MAY BE THE SMARTEST
KID IN SCHOOL, BUT EVEN
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I CAN, TOO!
I'LL SHOW
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SOME
DAY!





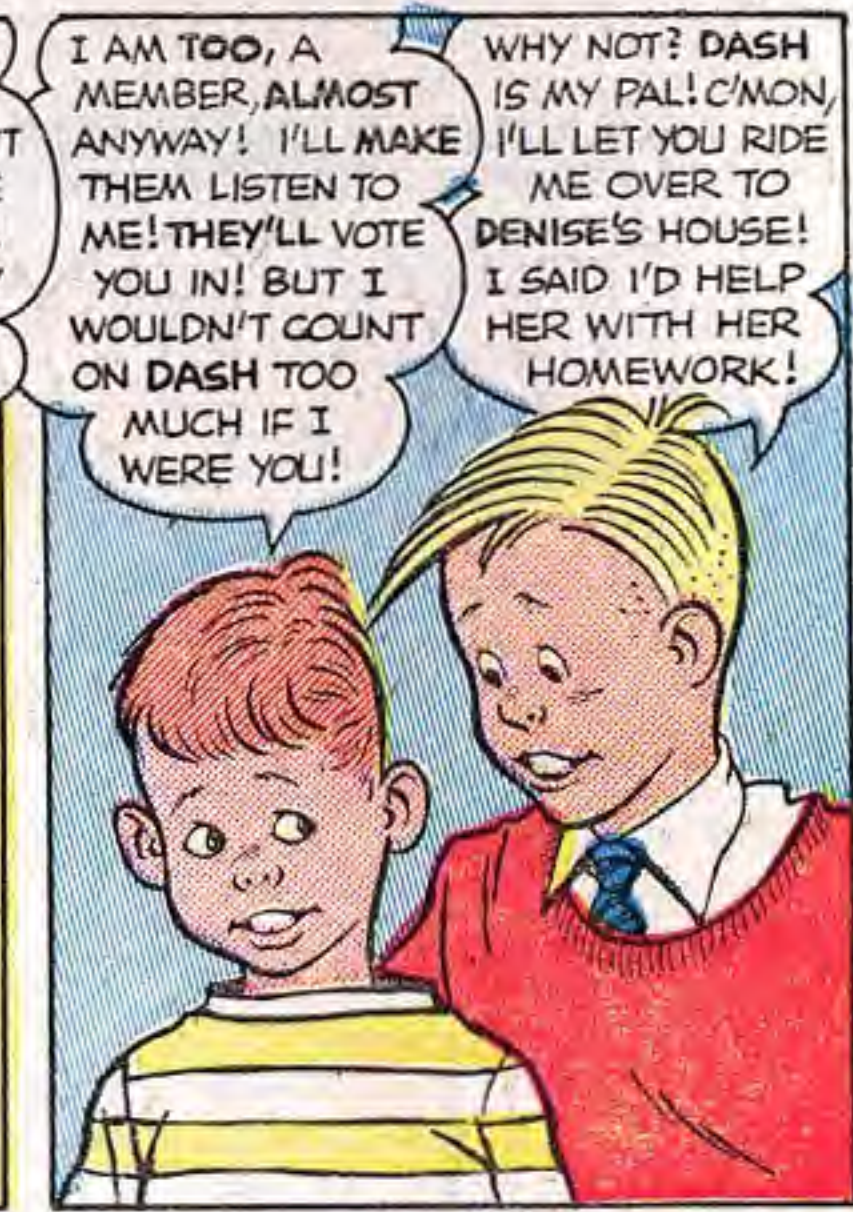
JEEPERS, JIM! WHY DON'T YOU GET THAT WINDOW FIXED?

YOU'D FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BANG YOURSELF UP, ANYWAY! HEY, I THOUGHT THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE CATHEAD CLUB! WHY AREN'T YOU THERE?



IT DOESN'T START FOR A HALF HOUR. HEY, JIM, IF YOU LET ME WATCH YOU, I'LL PUT YOUR NAME UP FOR MEMBERSHIP! YOU WANT ME TO DO THAT?

AWW, YOU'RE NOT EVEN A REAL MEMBER! I WANT SOMEBODY LIKE DASH TO DO IT! HE'S SOMEBODY AND MY FRIEND!

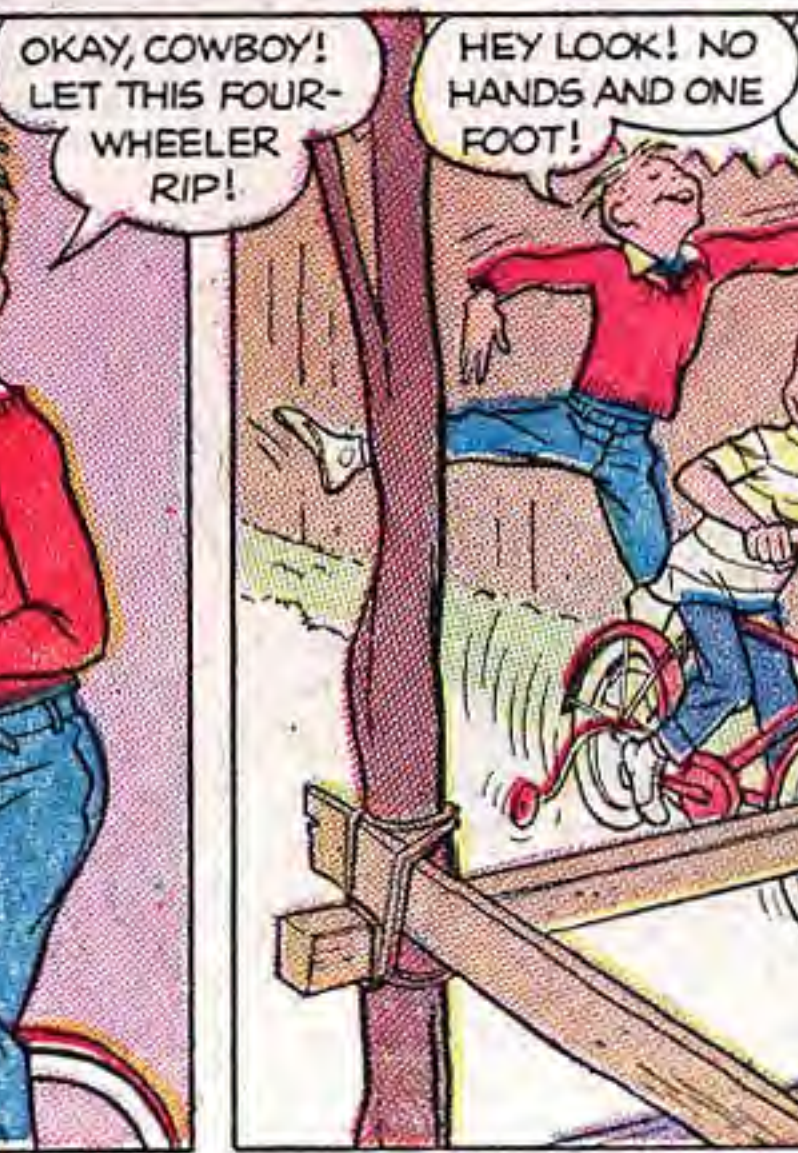


I AM TOO, A MEMBER, ALMOST ANYWAY! I'LL MAKE THEM LISTEN TO ME! THEY'LL VOTE YOU IN! BUT I WOULDN'T COUNT ON DASH TOO MUCH IF I WERE YOU!

WHY NOT? DASH IS MY PAL! C'MON, I'LL LET YOU RIDE ME OVER TO DENISE'S HOUSE! I SAID I'D HELP HER WITH HER HOMEWORK!

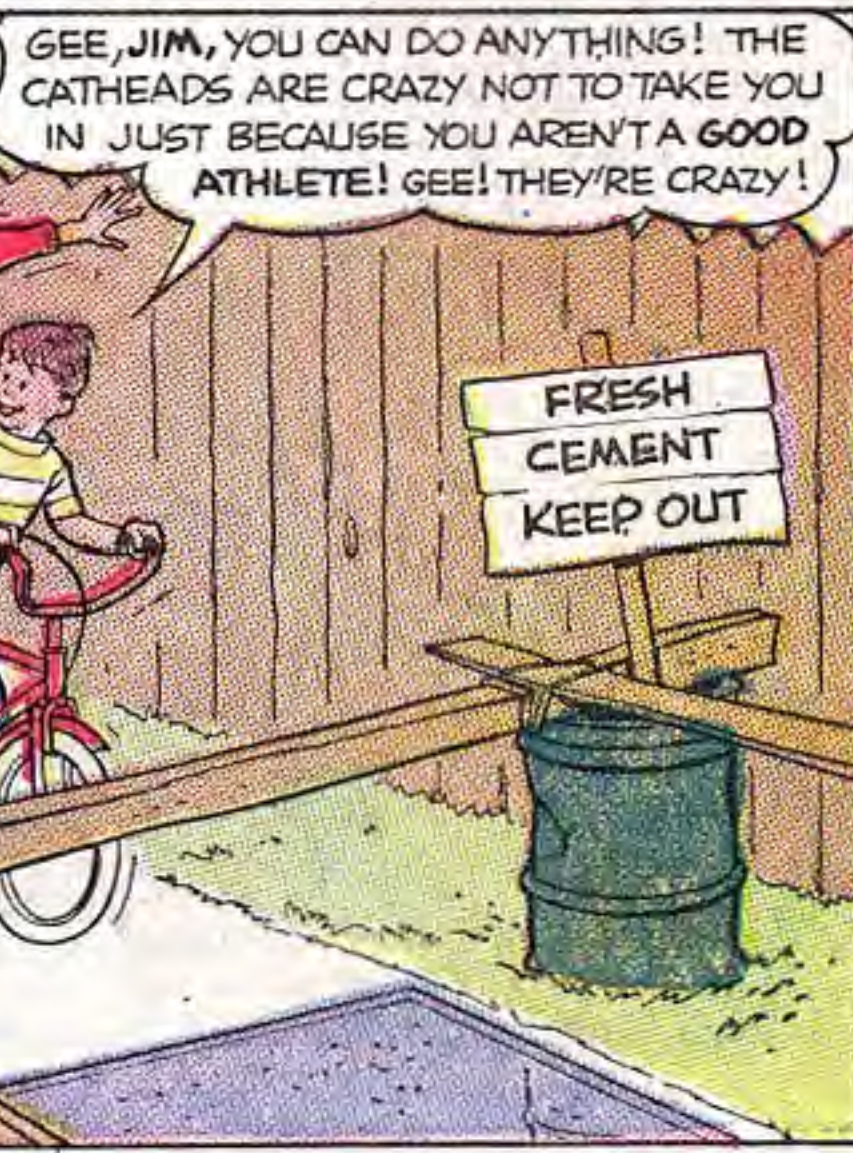


SURE, JIM! I'LL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE YOU WANT TO GO! I'M YOUR PAL, TOO! AN' I'LL GET YOU INTO THE CATHEAD CLUB!



OKAY, COWBOY! LET THIS FOUR-WHEELER RIP!

HEY LOOK! NO HANDS AND ONE FOOT!

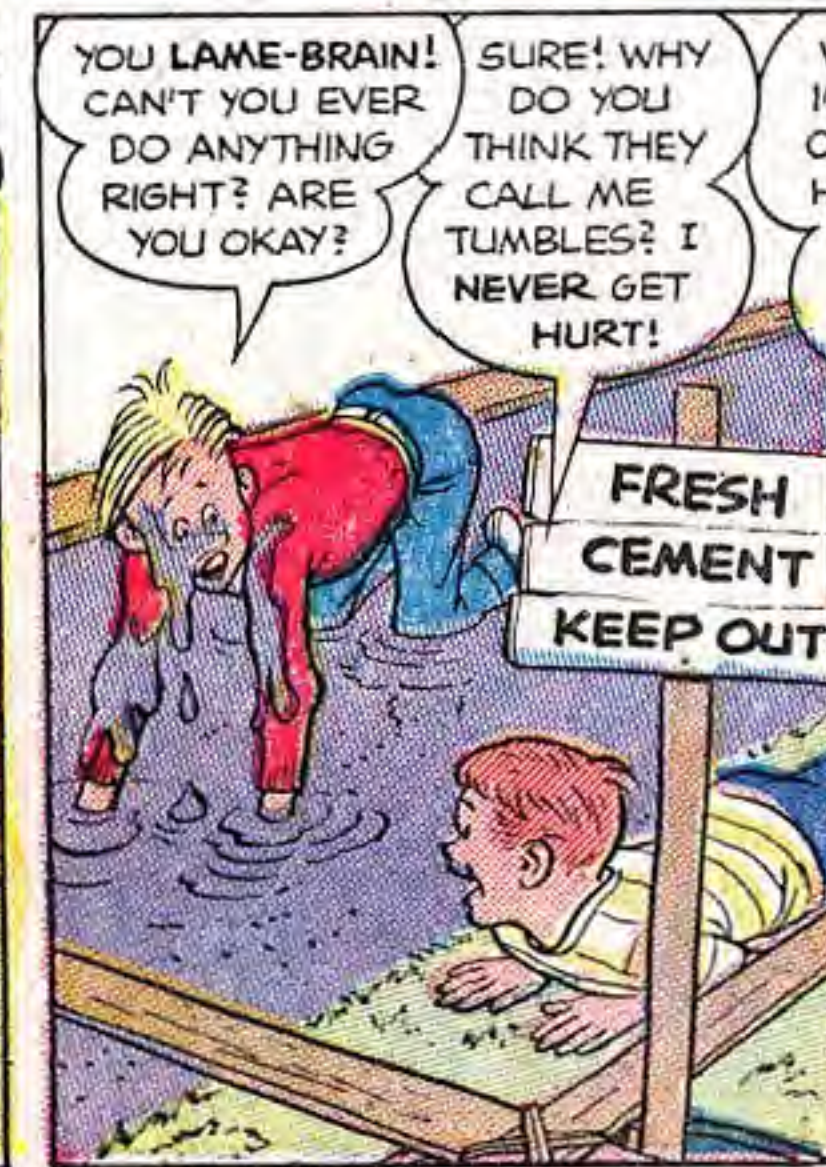


GEE, JIM, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING! THE CATHEADS ARE CRAZY NOT TO TAKE YOU IN JUST BECAUSE YOU AREN'T A GOOD ATHLETE! GEE! THEY'RE CRAZY!



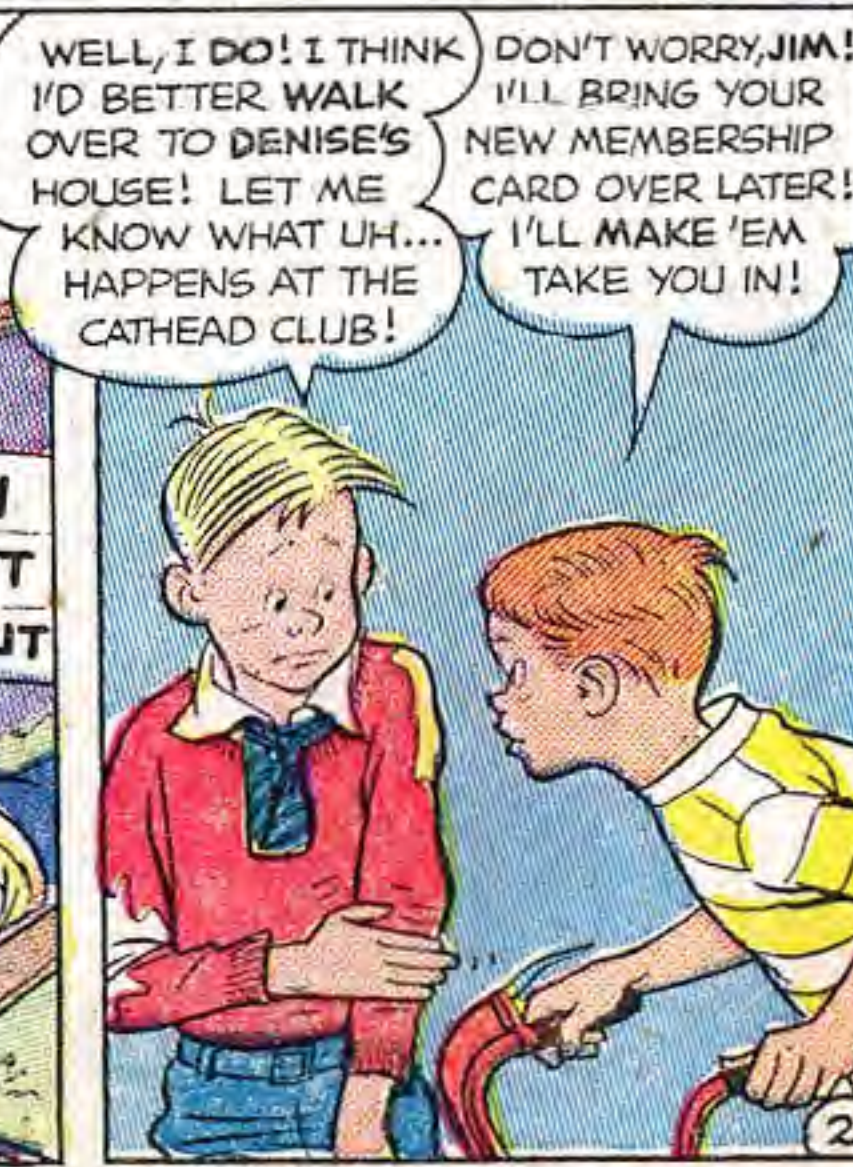
WHO SAYS I'M NOT A GOOD ATHLETE, BIRD-BRAIN! I'M GONNA...YOWW!

OH, OH!



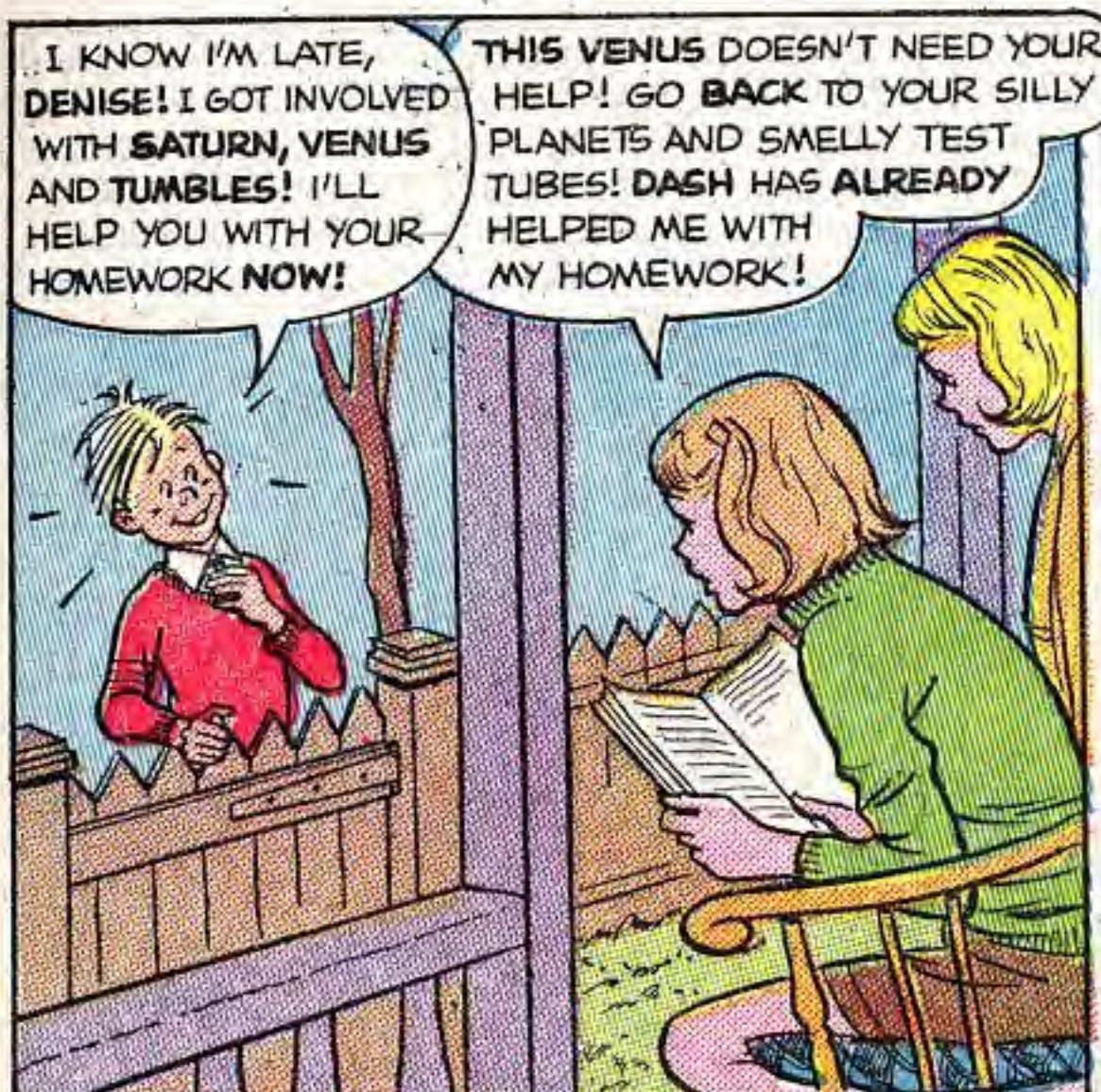
YOU LAME-BRAIN! CAN'T YOU EVER DO ANYTHING RIGHT? ARE YOU OKAY?

SURE! WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALL ME TUMBLES? I NEVER GET HURT!



WELL, I DO! I THINK I'D BETTER WALK OVER TO DENISE'S HOUSE! LET ME KNOW WHAT UH... HAPPENS AT THE CATHEAD CLUB!

DON'T WORRY, JIM! I'LL BRING YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD OVER LATER! I'LL MAKE 'EM TAKE YOU IN!



I KNOW I'M LATE, DENISE! I GOT INVOLVED WITH SATURN, VENUS AND TUMBLES! I'LL HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOMEWORK NOW!

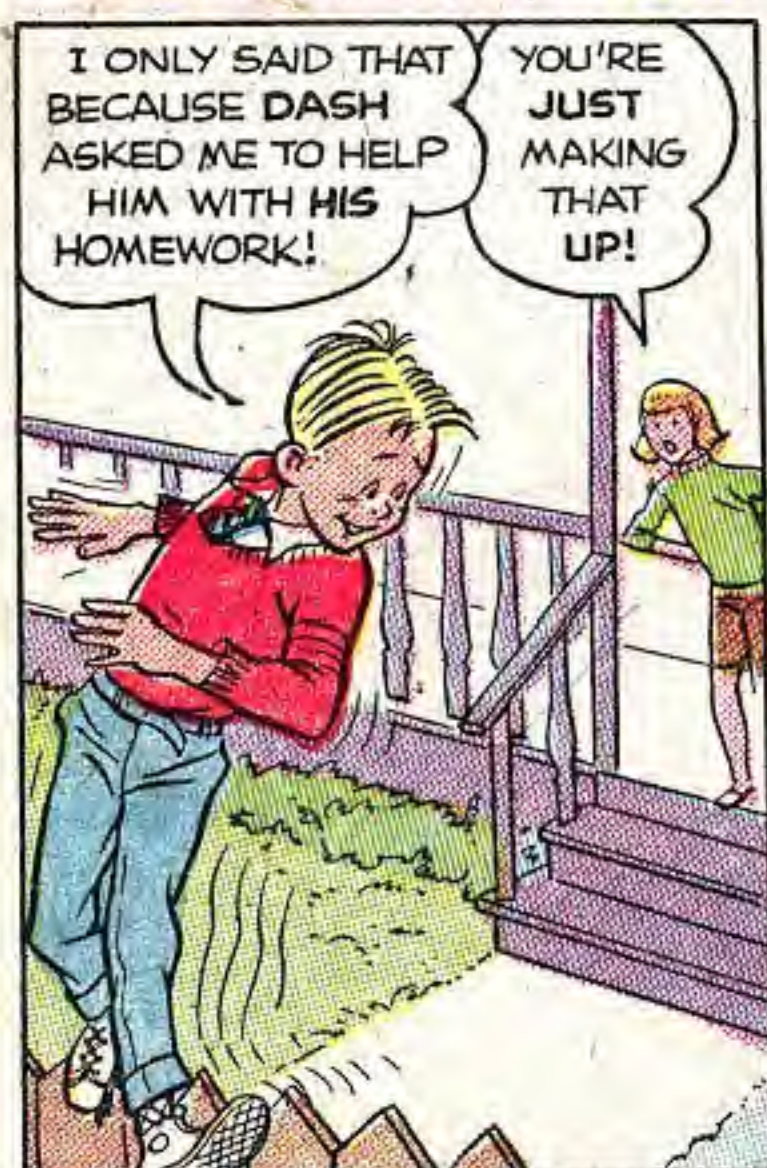
THIS VENUS DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP! GO BACK TO YOUR SILLY PLANETS AND SMELLY TEST TUBES! DASH HAS ALREADY HELPED ME WITH MY HOMEWORK!



DASH?? GOSH, DENISE, DON'T YOU WANT TO BE PROMOTED WITH THE REST OF US?

IS THAT SO! DASH IS THE BEST ATHLETE AND THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN THE SCHOOL! IF YOU WERE ONE-TENTH AS GOOD AS DASH YOU'D BE A HUNDRED TIMES AS GOOD AS YOU ARE!

YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT, DENISE!



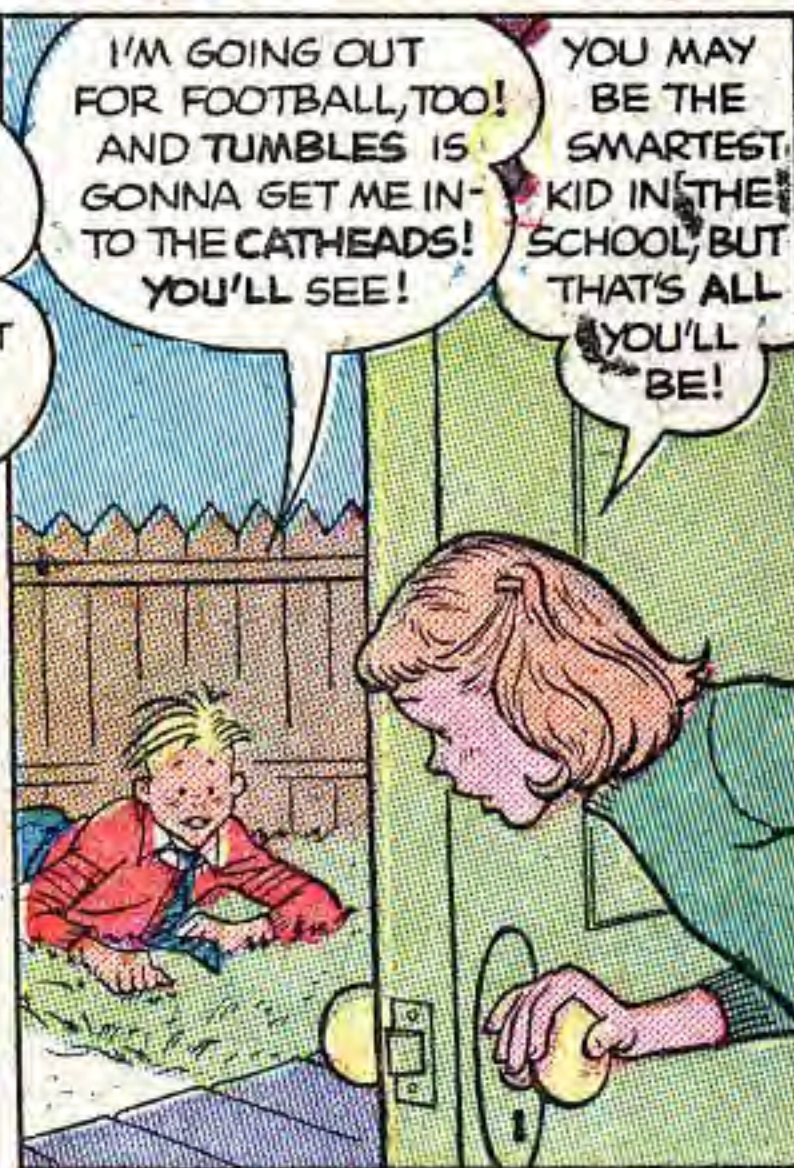
I ONLY SAID THAT BECAUSE DASH ASKED ME TO HELP HIM WITH HIS HOMEWORK!

YOU'RE JUST MAKING THAT UP!



DON'T BE MAD AT ME, DENISE! HOW ABOUT LETTING ME CARRY YOUR BOOKS HOME TOMORROW? WE CAN STOP FOR A SODA...OOPS!

NO THANK YOU, CLUMSY! I'LL BE WATCHING DASH AT FOOTBALL TRYOUTS! HE'LL BE THE STAR OF THE TEAM AS WELL AS PRESIDENT OF THE CATHEADS!



I'M GOING OUT FOR FOOTBALL, TOO! AND TUMBLES IS GONNA GET ME INTO THE CATHEADS! YOU'LL SEE!

YOU MAY BE THE SMARTEST KID IN THE SCHOOL, BUT THAT'S ALL YOU'LL BE!



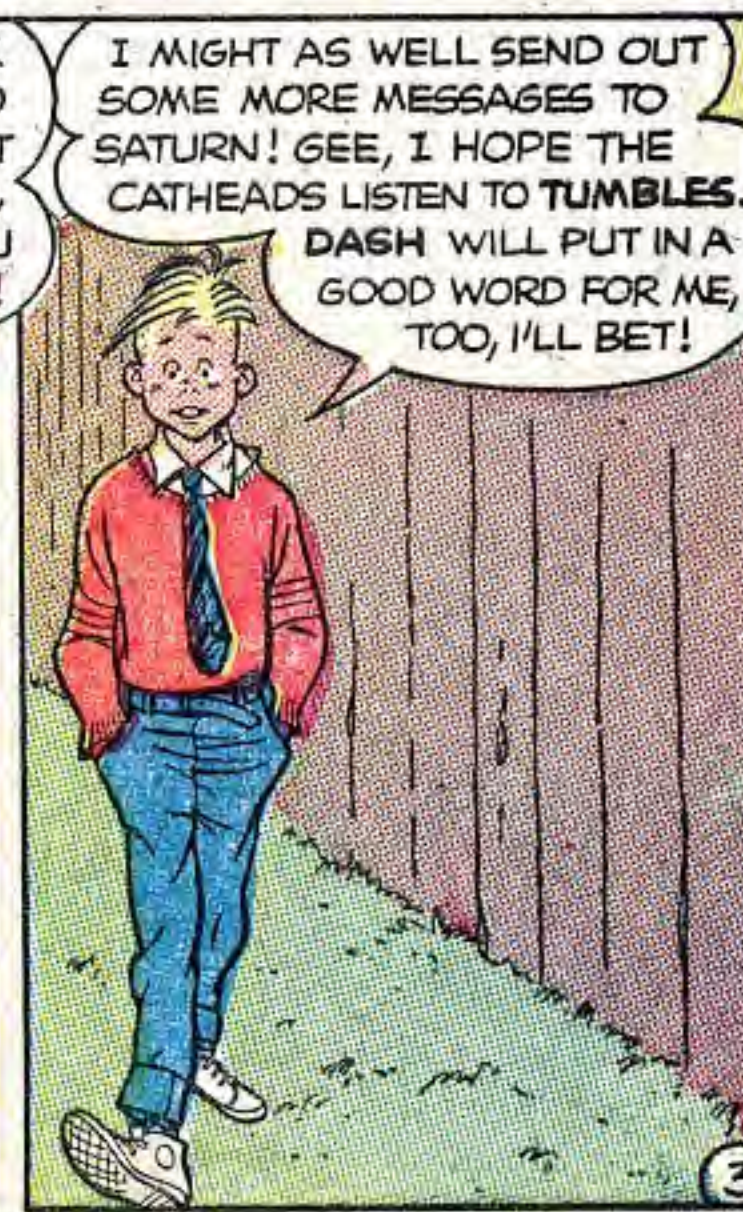
THAT'S ALL? THAT'S PLENTY! YOU'RE MEAN TO JIM, DENISE! HE'S CLUMSY BUT HE'S REAL NICE!

I LIKE JIM DANDY A LOT, BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SPUNK! HE COULD BE JUST AS GOOD AS DASH, BUT HE WON'T FIGHT FOR ANYTHING!

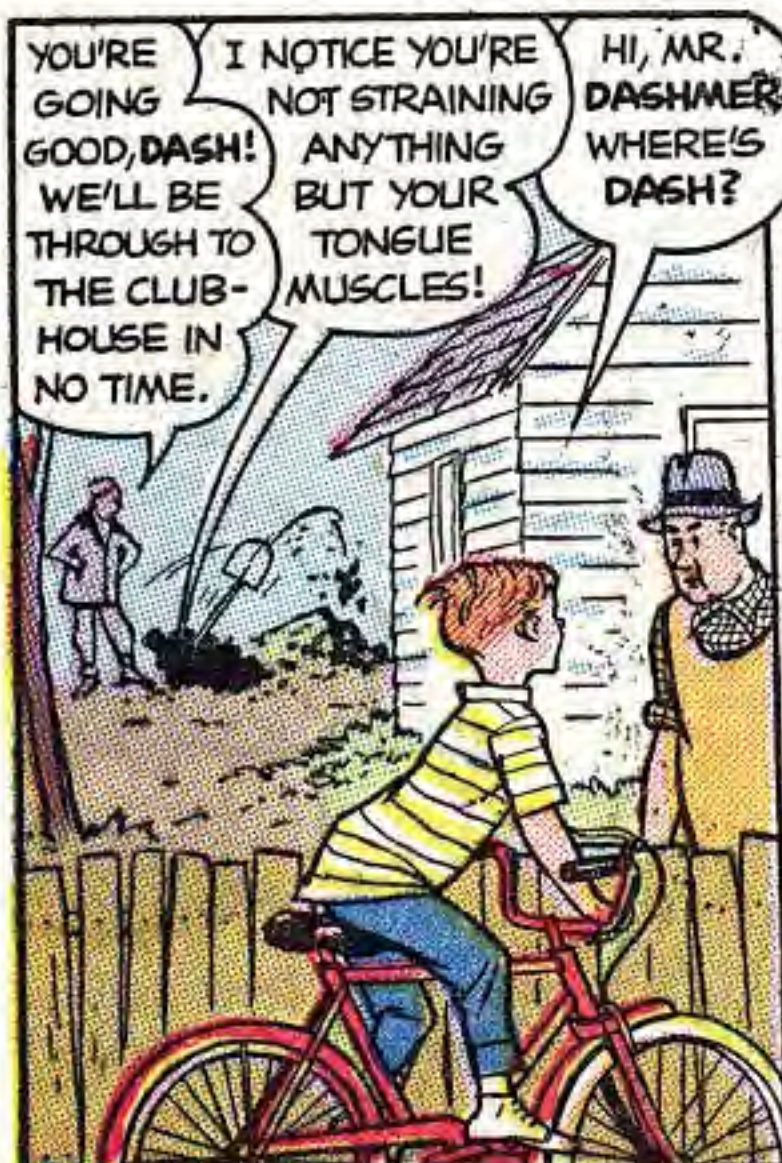


I'M TRYING TO GET HIM SO MAD THAT HE'LL MAKE SOMETHING OF HIMSELF! I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T GET DISGUSTED WITH ME WHILE I'M TRYING!

I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT! WELL, I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!



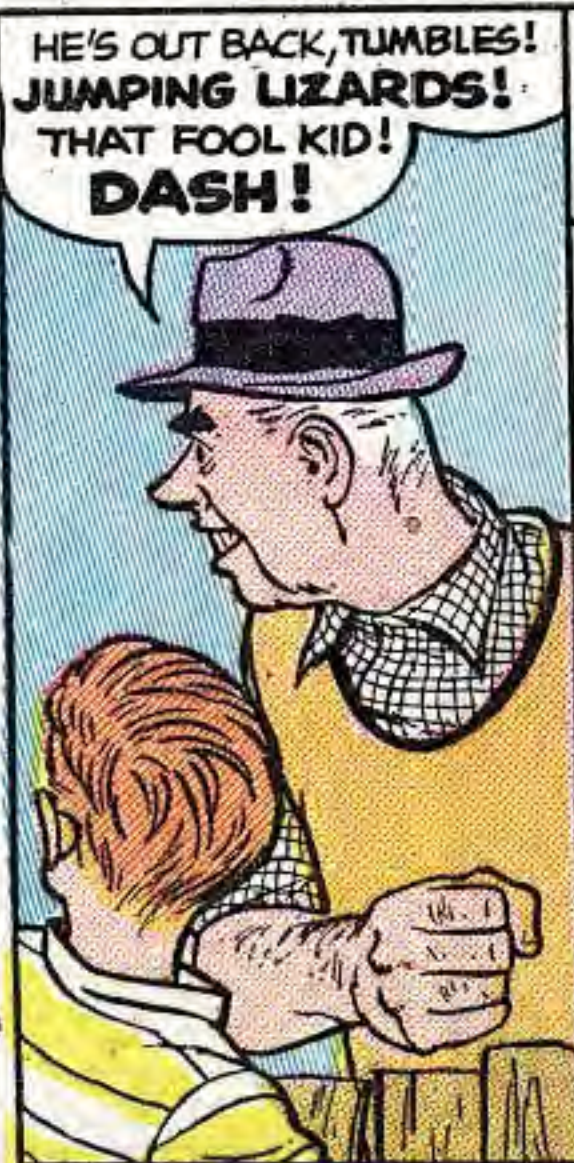
I MIGHT AS WELL SEND OUT SOME MORE MESSAGES TO SATURN! GEE, I HOPE THE CATHEADS LISTEN TO TUMBLES. DASH WILL PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME, TOO, I'LL BET!



YOU'RE GOING GOOD, DASH! WE'LL BE THROUGH TO THE CLUBHOUSE IN NO TIME.

I NOTICE YOU'RE NOT STRAINING ANYTHING BUT YOUR TONGUE MUSCLES!

HI, MR. DASHMER. WHERE'S DASH?



HE'S OUT BACK, TUMBLES! JUMPING LIZARDS! THAT FOOL KID! DASH!



ARE YOU COMPLETELY OUT OF YOUR MIND? THAT TUNNEL COULD CAVE IN ON YOU AND ALL THE KIDS IN IT! GET OUT OF THERE!



TUMBLES, I SUPPOSE YOU TOLD HIM WE WERE HERE!

NO, I DIDN'T, DASH! HONEST!



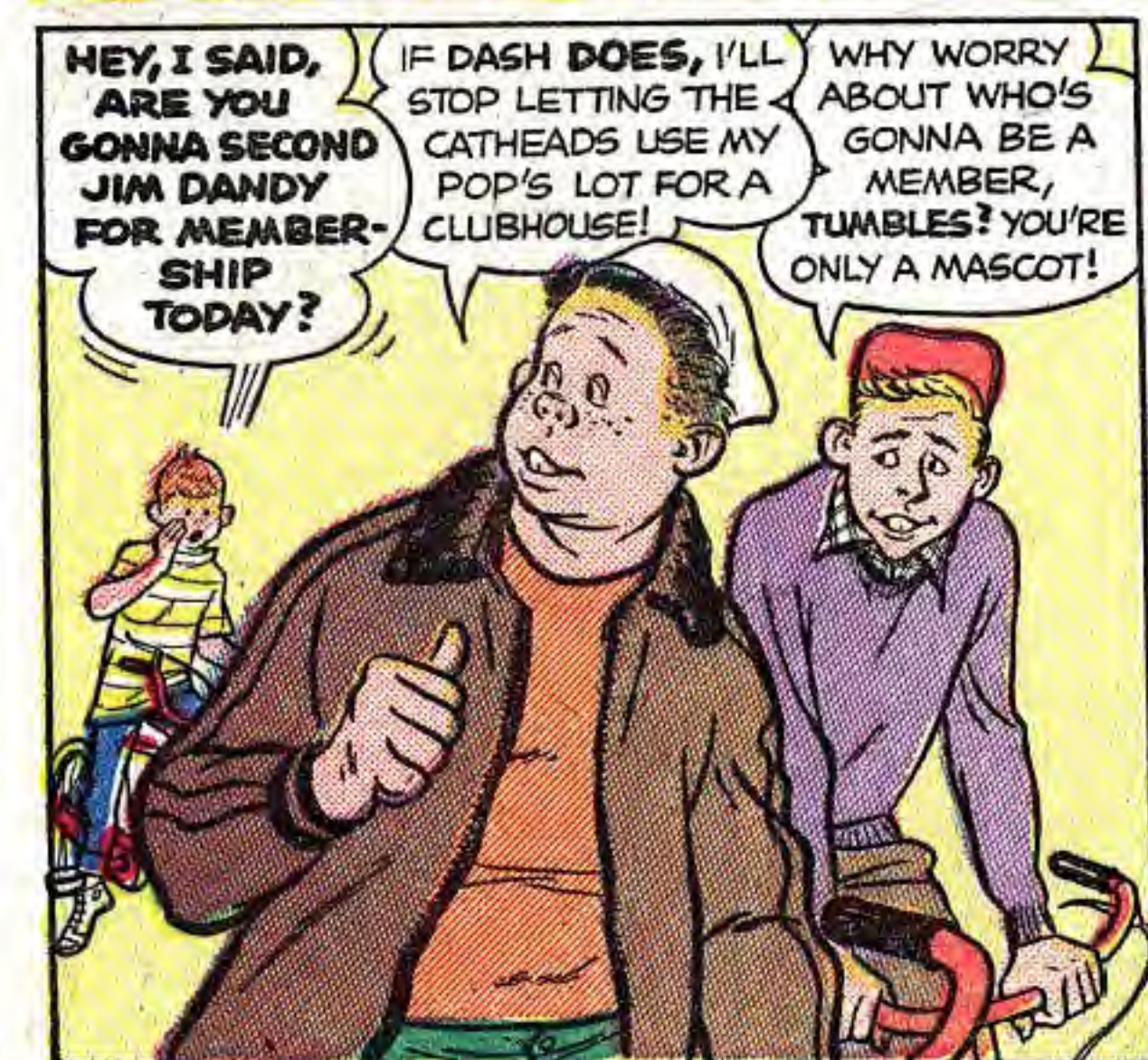
I WAS JUST COMING OVER TO THE MEETING TO PROPOSE JIM DANDY! I DIDN'T SNITCH, HONEST!

IF I CATCH ANY OF YOU DIGGING HERE AGAIN, I'LL TAN ALL YOUR HIDES!

JIM DANDY? HAH! C'MON, DASH, LET'S GET THE MEETING OVER WITH! MY MOM'S MAKING CHOC'LIT ECLAIRS TODAY AND I WANT TO GET AT 'EM WHILE THEY'RE STILL WARM!

SURE, I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SHRINK YOUR WAISTLINE, SNACKS. NOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A SHOVEL!

ARE YOU GOING TO SECOND JIM? HEY, DASH! ARE YA?



HEY, I SAID, ARE YOU GONNA SECOND JIM DANDY FOR MEMBERSHIP TODAY?

IF DASH DOES, I'LL STOP LETTING THE CATHEADS USE MY POP'S LOT FOR A CLUBHOUSE!

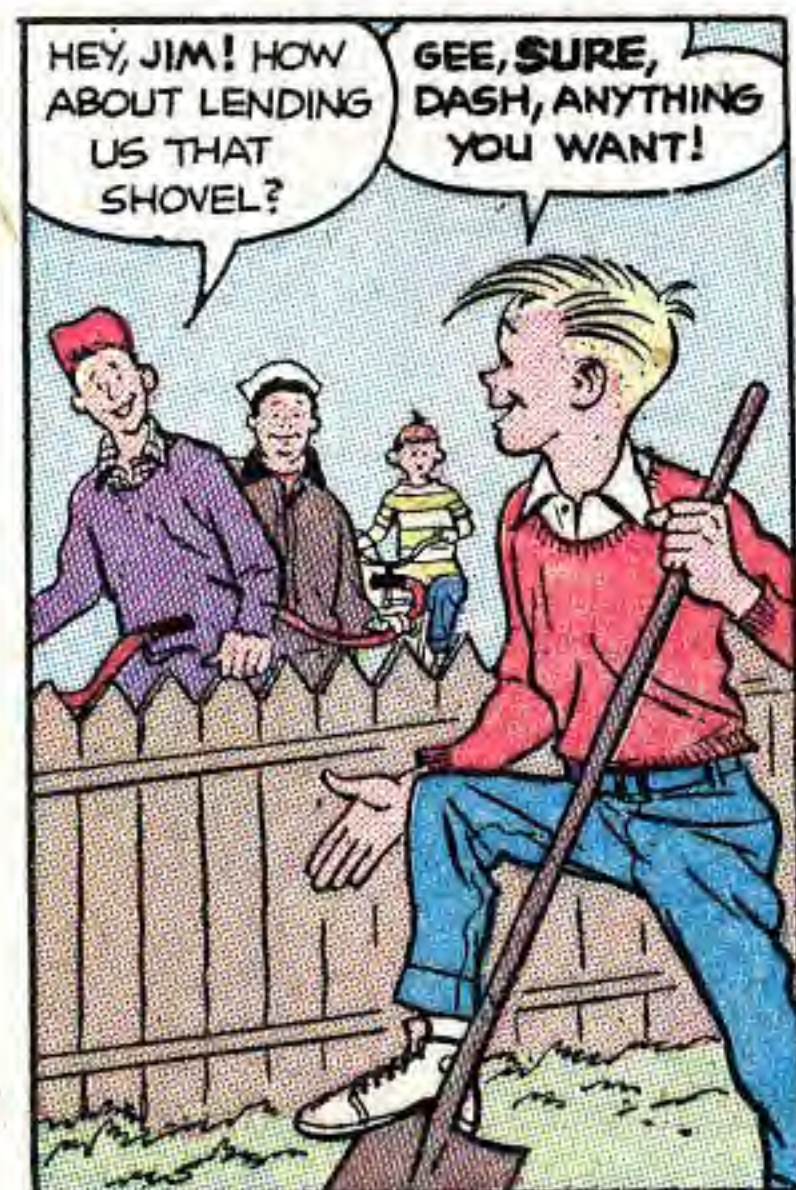
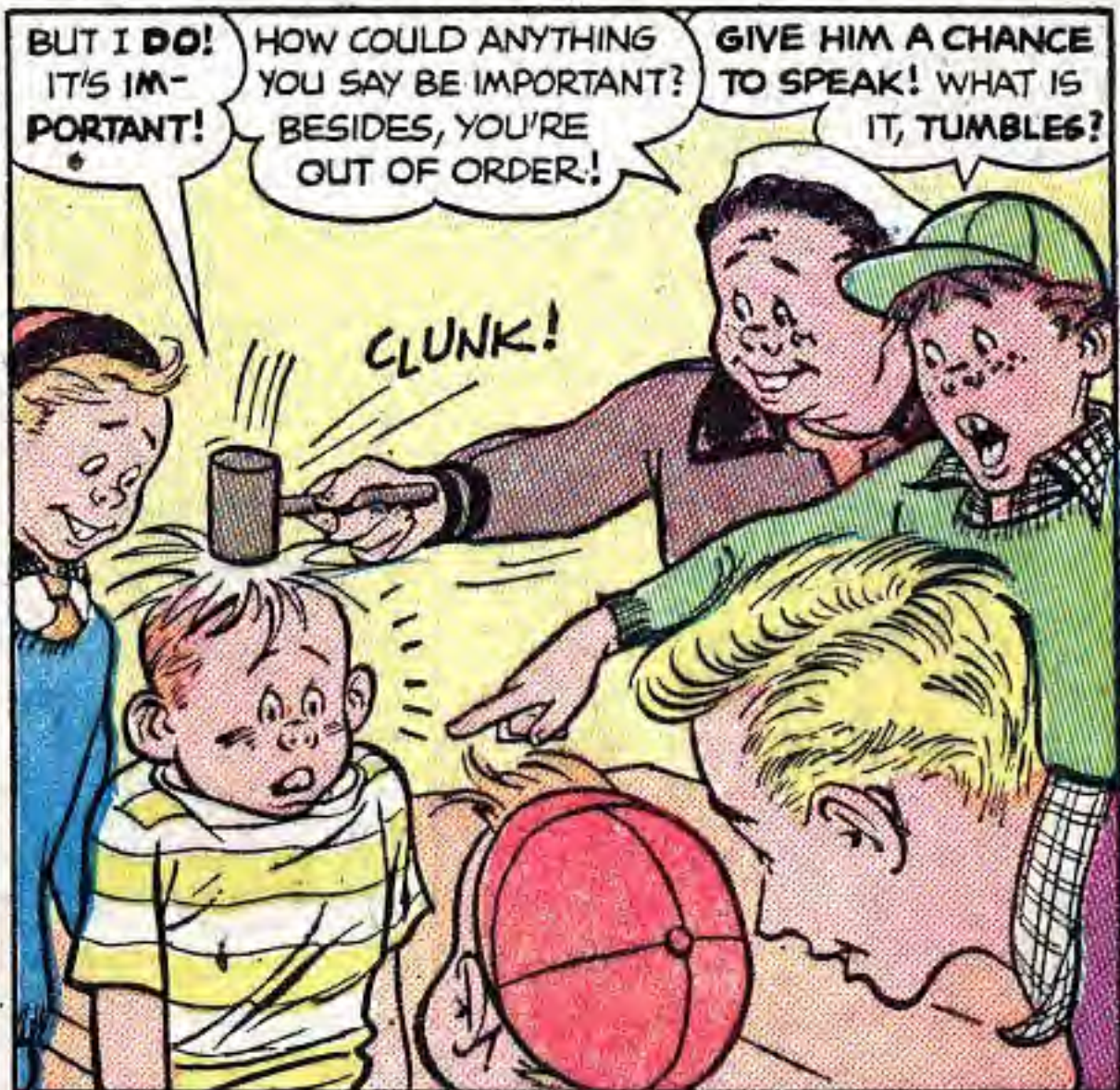
WHY WORRY ABOUT WHO'S GONNA BE A MEMBER, TUMBLES? YOU'RE ONLY A MASCOT!



C'MON, KNOCK IT OFF! LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD! WE'VE GOT A LOTTA THINGS TO DO!

NAME ONE!

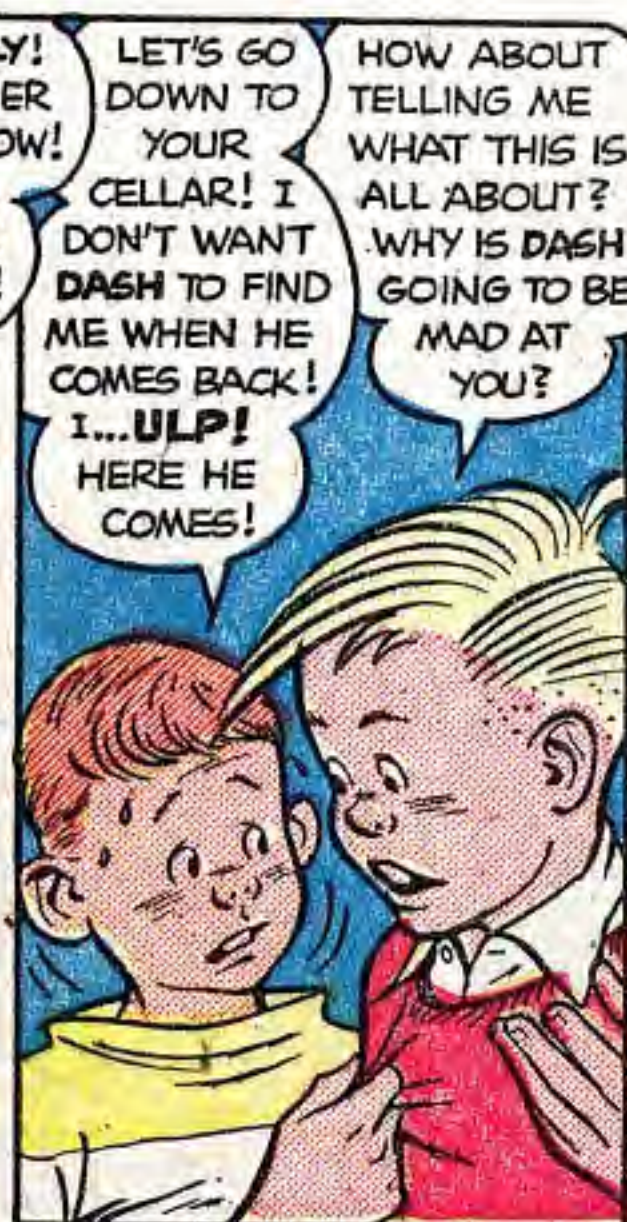
PIPE DOWN, YOU GUYS! THE MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER! WHO'S GOT ANY BUSINESS?





THAT WAS DASH WHO LEFT, WASN'T IT? HIS FATHER JUST PHONED AND I TOLD HIM DASH HAD BORROWED OUR SHOVEL AND WENT HOME!

OH, GOLLY! HIS FATHER WILL KNOW! HE'LL THINK I SNITCHED!



LET'S GO DOWN TO YOUR CELLAR! I DON'T WANT DASH TO FIND ME WHEN HE COMES BACK! I...ULP! HERE HE COMES!

HOW ABOUT TELLING ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT? WHY IS DASH GOING TO BE MAD AT YOU?



YOU CAN'T JUST RUN AND HIDE, TUMBLES! WHATEVER IT IS, LETS GET IT OUT IN THE OPEN!

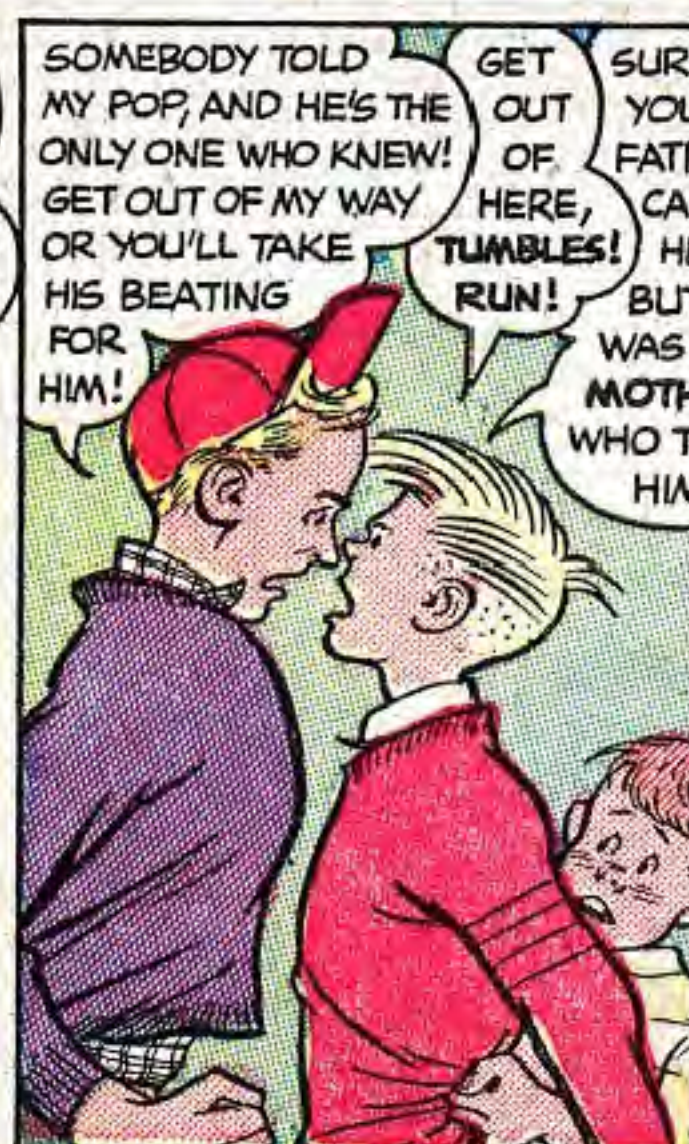
THAT WEASEL CALLED MY FATHER AND TOLD HIM I BORROWED THE SHOVEL!

I DIDN'T, DASH! HONEST!



MY POP WAS WAITING WHEN I GOT HOME! AND HE THRASHED ME GOOD! AND I'M GONNA DO THE SAME TO YOU!

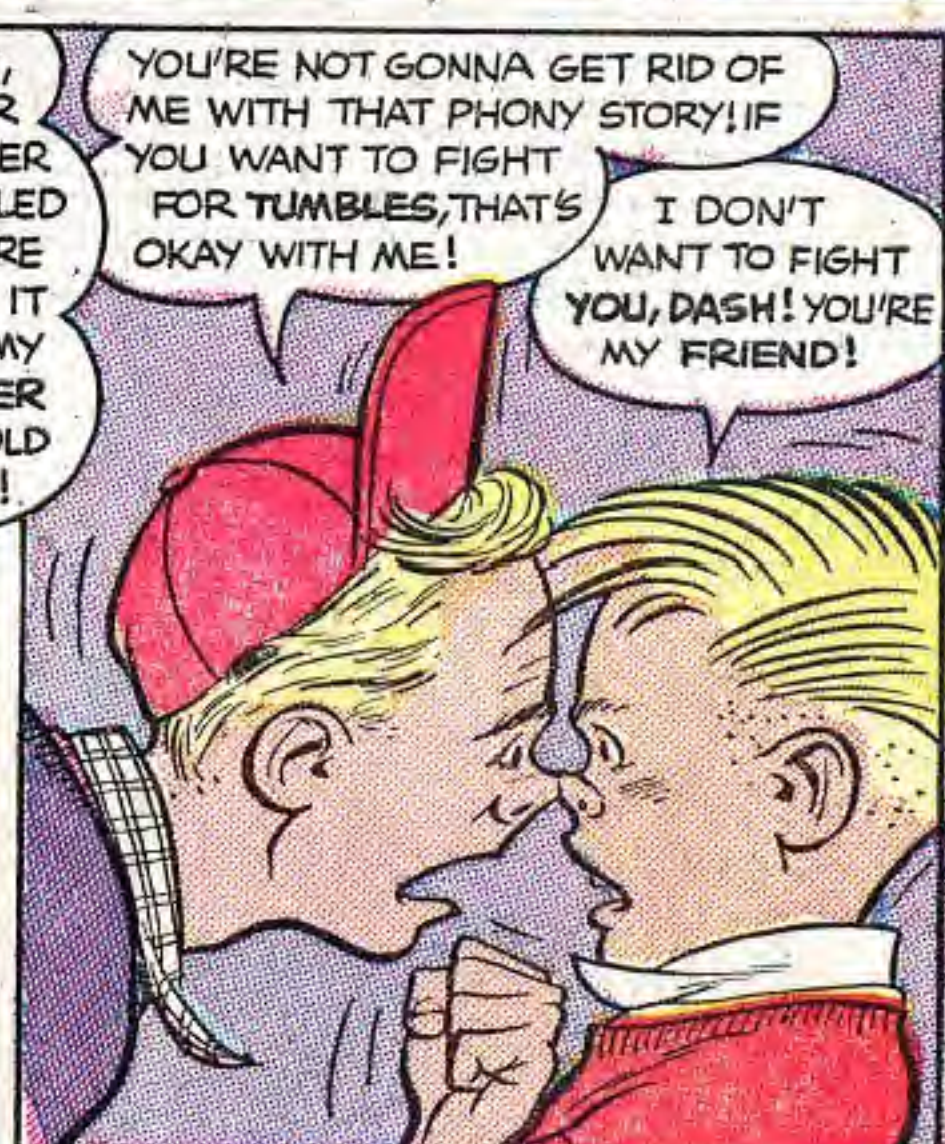
HOLD IT, DASH! TUMBLES COULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOUR FATHER BECAUSE HE'S BEEN WITH ME EVER SINCE YOU LEFT!



SOMEBODY TOLD MY POP, AND HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW! GET OUT OF MY WAY OR YOU'LL TAKE HIS BEATING FOR HIM!

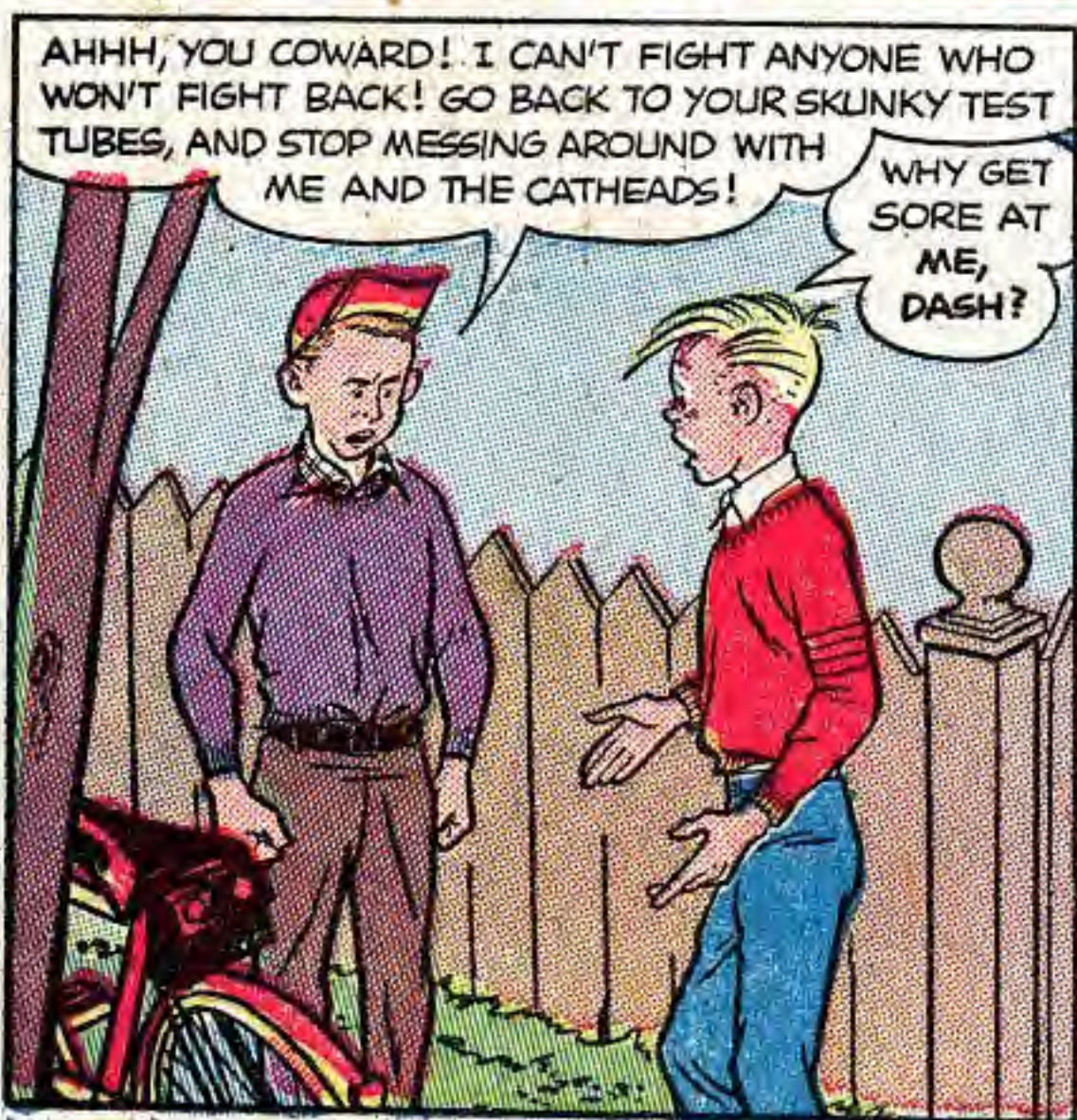
GET OUT OF HERE, TUMBLES! RUN!

SURE, YOUR FATHER CALLED HERE BUT IT WAS MY MOTHER WHO TOLD HIM!



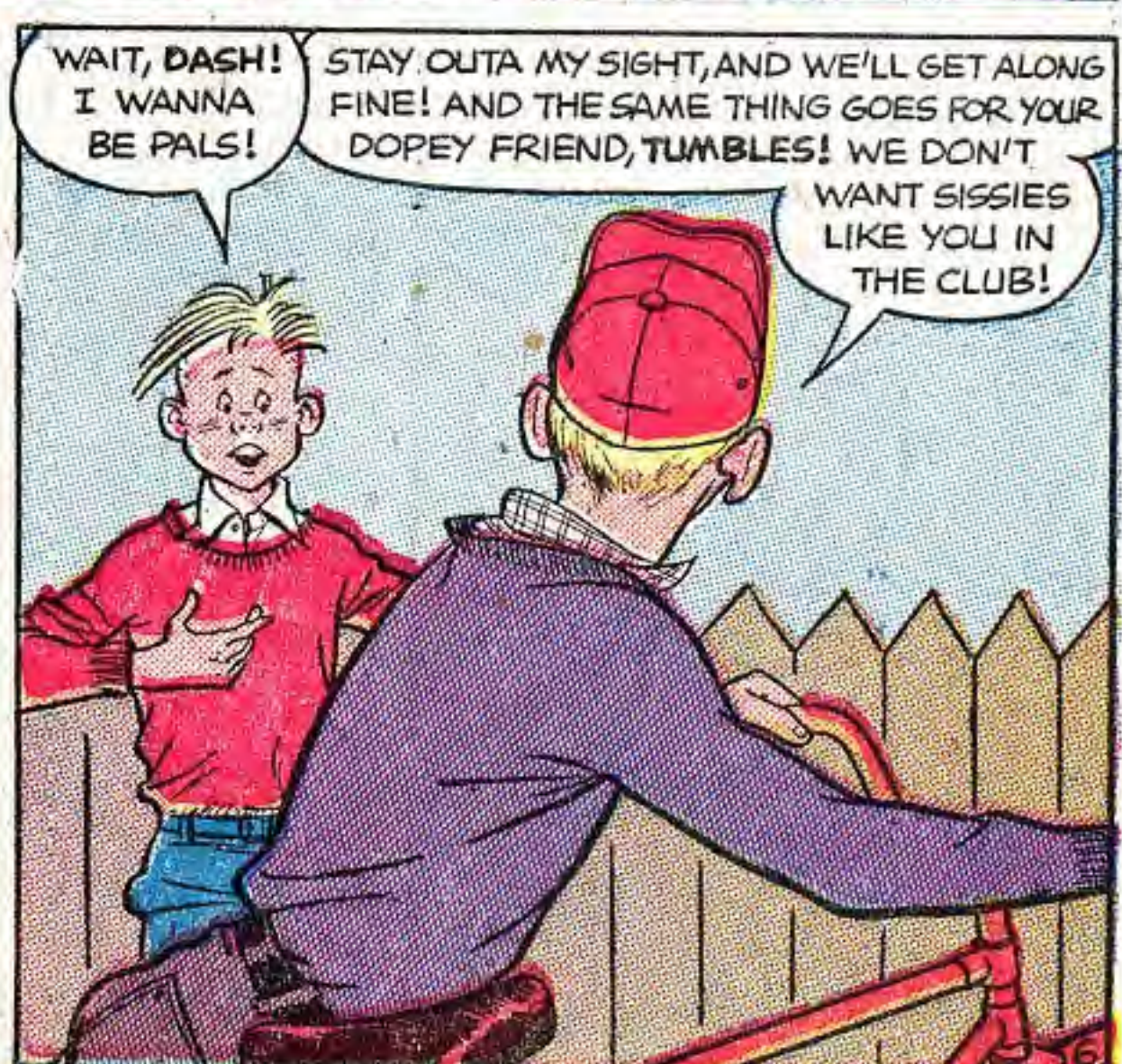
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET RID OF ME WITH THAT PHONY STORY! IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT FOR TUMBLES, THAT'S OKAY WITH ME!

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU, DASH! YOU'RE MY FRIEND!



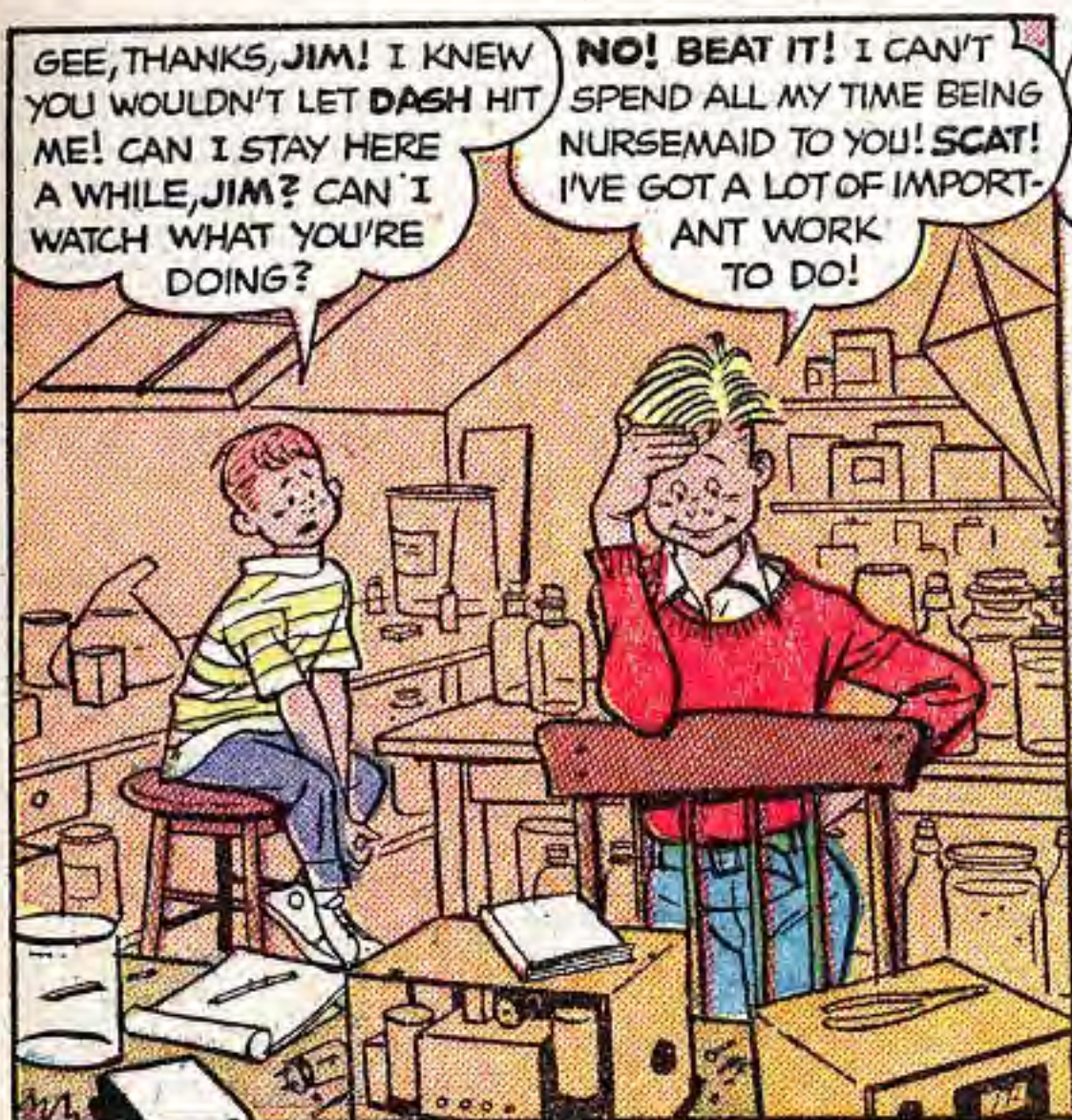
AHHH, YOU COWARD! I CAN'T FIGHT ANYONE WHO WON'T FIGHT BACK! GO BACK TO YOUR SKUNKY TEST TUBES, AND STOP MESSING AROUND WITH ME AND THE CATHEADS!

WHY GET SORE AT ME, DASH?



WAIT, DASH! I WANNA BE PALS!

STAY OUTA MY SIGHT, AND WE'LL GET ALONG FINE! AND THE SAME THING GOES FOR YOUR DOPEY FRIEND, TUMBLES! WE DON'T WANT SISSIES LIKE YOU IN THE CLUB!

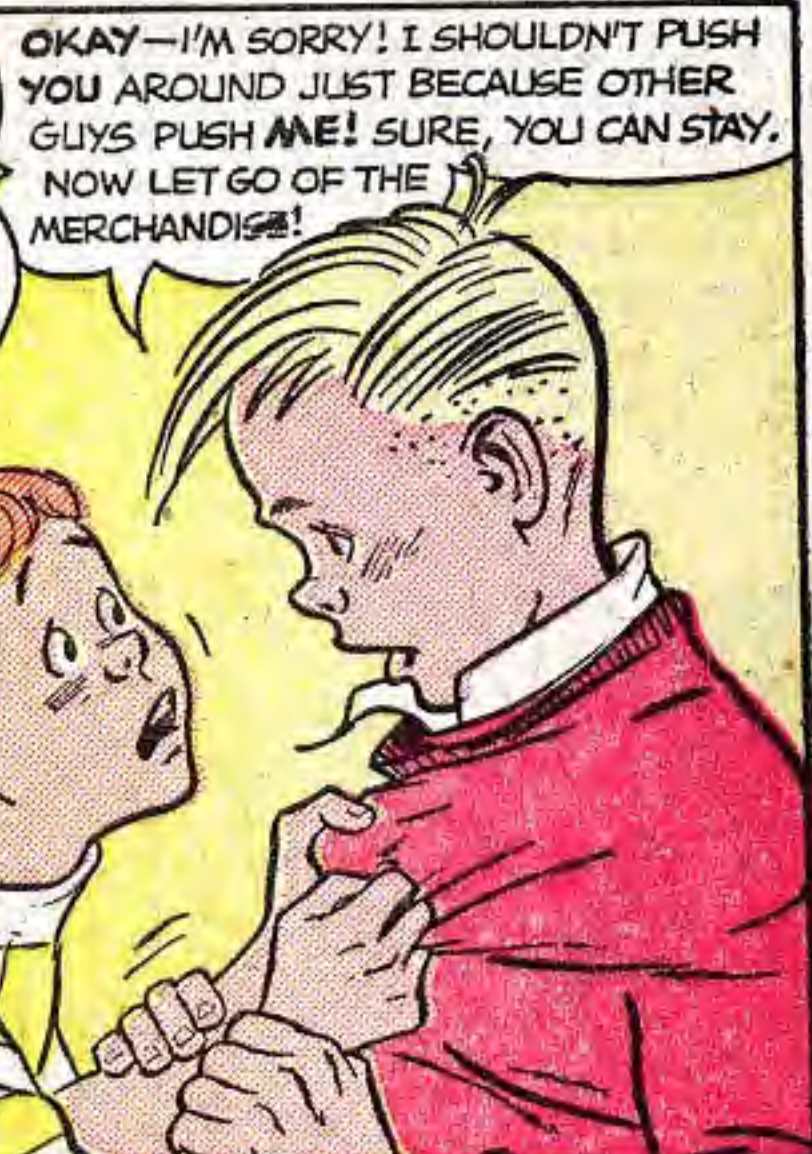


GEE, THANKS, JIM! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T LET DASH HIT ME! CAN I STAY HERE A WHILE, JIM? CAN I WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

NO! BEAT IT! I CAN'T SPEND ALL MY TIME BEING NURSEMAID TO YOU! SCAT! I'VE GOT A LOT OF IMPORTANT WORK TO DO!



P-PLEASE, JIM! I WON'T SAY ANYTHING, HONEST! I'M AFRAID DASH OR SNACKS MIGHT BE WAITING FOR ME! L...LEMMIE STAY JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE!



OKAY—I'M SORRY! I SHOULDN'T PUSH YOU AROUND JUST BECAUSE OTHER GUYS PUSH ME! SURE, YOU CAN STAY. NOW LET GO OF THE MERCHANDISE!



GEE, THANKS, JIM! YOU'RE SWELL! HEY, WHAT'S ALL THIS JUNK, ANYWAY? YOU'RE NOT REALLY SENDING MESSAGE TO SPACE, ARE YOU?

SURE I AM!



BUT THERE'S NOBODY OUT THERE, IS THERE, JIM? NOBODY REALLY LIVES ON THOSE PLANETS!

WE'LL NEVER KNOW FOR SURE UNTIL WE GO THERE...UNLESS... I CAN TALK TO 'EM WITH MY TRANSMITTER! I'M ABOUT TO TURN IT ON—WATCH!



I'VE BEEN HOLDING A ONE-MAN CONVERSATION FOR MONTHS. SOME DAY MAYBE A SPACEMAN WILL PICK UP MY SENDINGS!

AWW, LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING REAL! WHAT'S IN ALL THESE BOTTLES FOR INSTANCE?



ALL KINDS OF CHEMICALS! YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER HAD CHEMISTRY! STAY AWAY FROM THEM BECAUSE SOME OF THEM DON'T LIKE TO MIX!



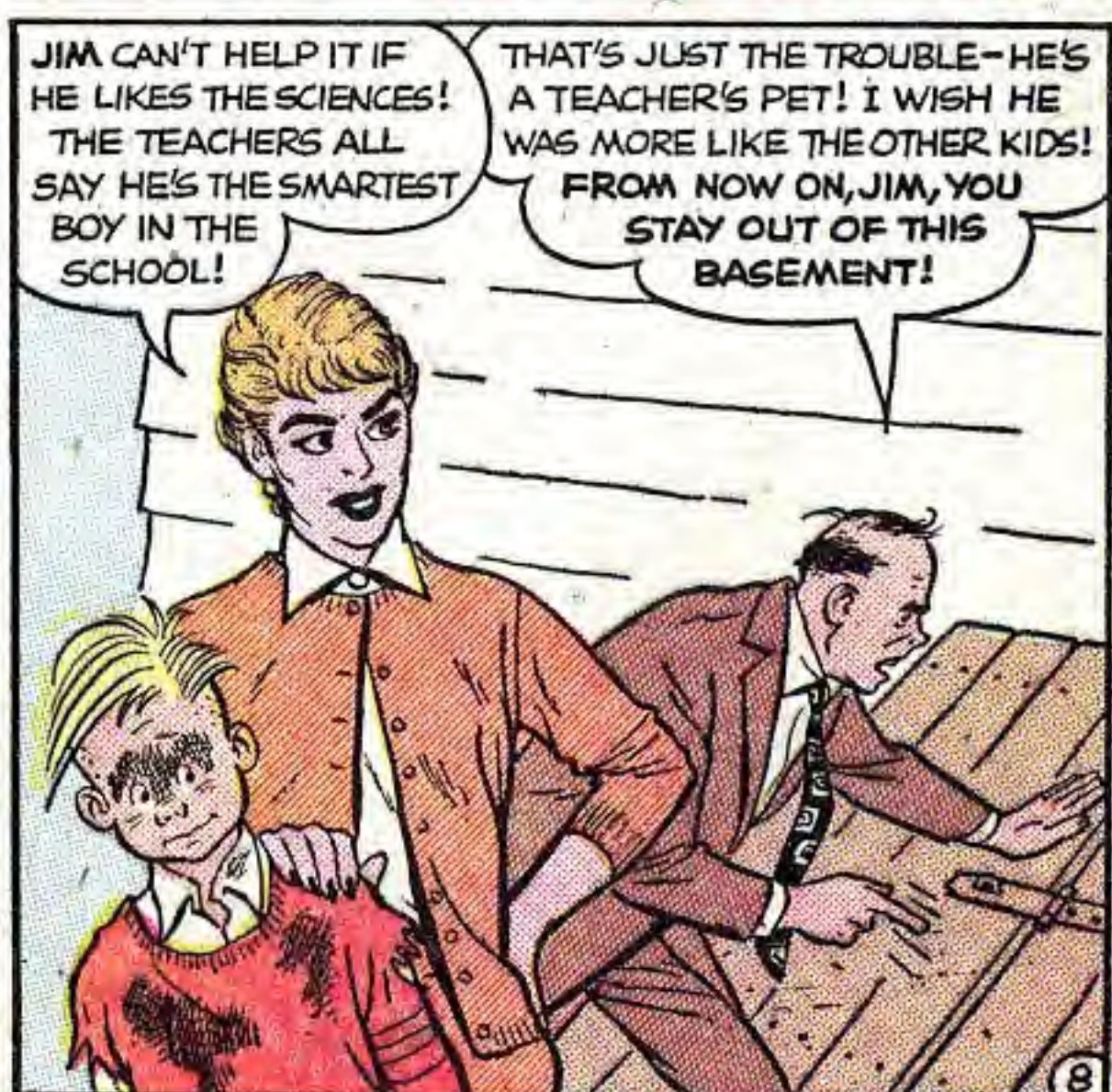
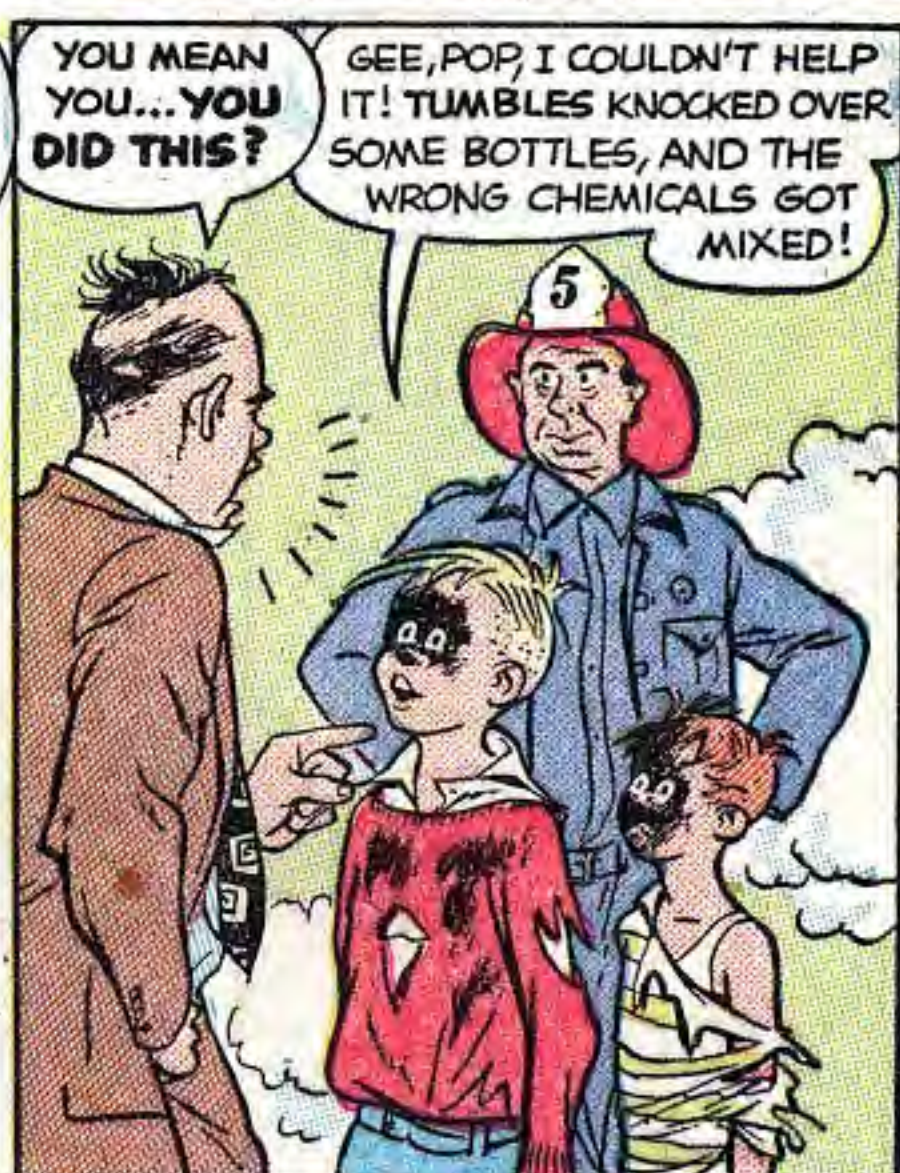
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY DID GET MIXED... OOPS!

FIRST, THERE COULD BE AN EXPLOSION—THEN A TERRIFIC LOT OF SMOKE AND...YOWW!



COUGH! NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE, YOU CLUMSY OX!

I'M SORRY, JIM! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! HONEST! COUGH!





I'LL BET THAT FOOTBALL UNIFORM I BOUGHT FOR YOU IS STILL IN THE BOX! I WAS PLAYING EVERY SPORT WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'M MAKING A FLYING SAUCER!



IF YOU'D MAKE A FLYING TACKLE I'D BE A LOT HAPPIER!

GEE, POP, I TRY BUT I'M JUST NOT A GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYER! LOOK, DAD—IT'S FINISHED! WATCH IT COME BACK!



WHY DON'T YOU STOP DAY DREAMIN... OH, NO!

OH, GEE, DAD, I'M SORRY! I JUST WANTED TO SHOW YOU HOW IT WORKED!

KLUNK!



YOU'VE CAUSED ENOUGH CONFUSION FOR ONE DAY! WHY DON'T YOU GO TO BED?

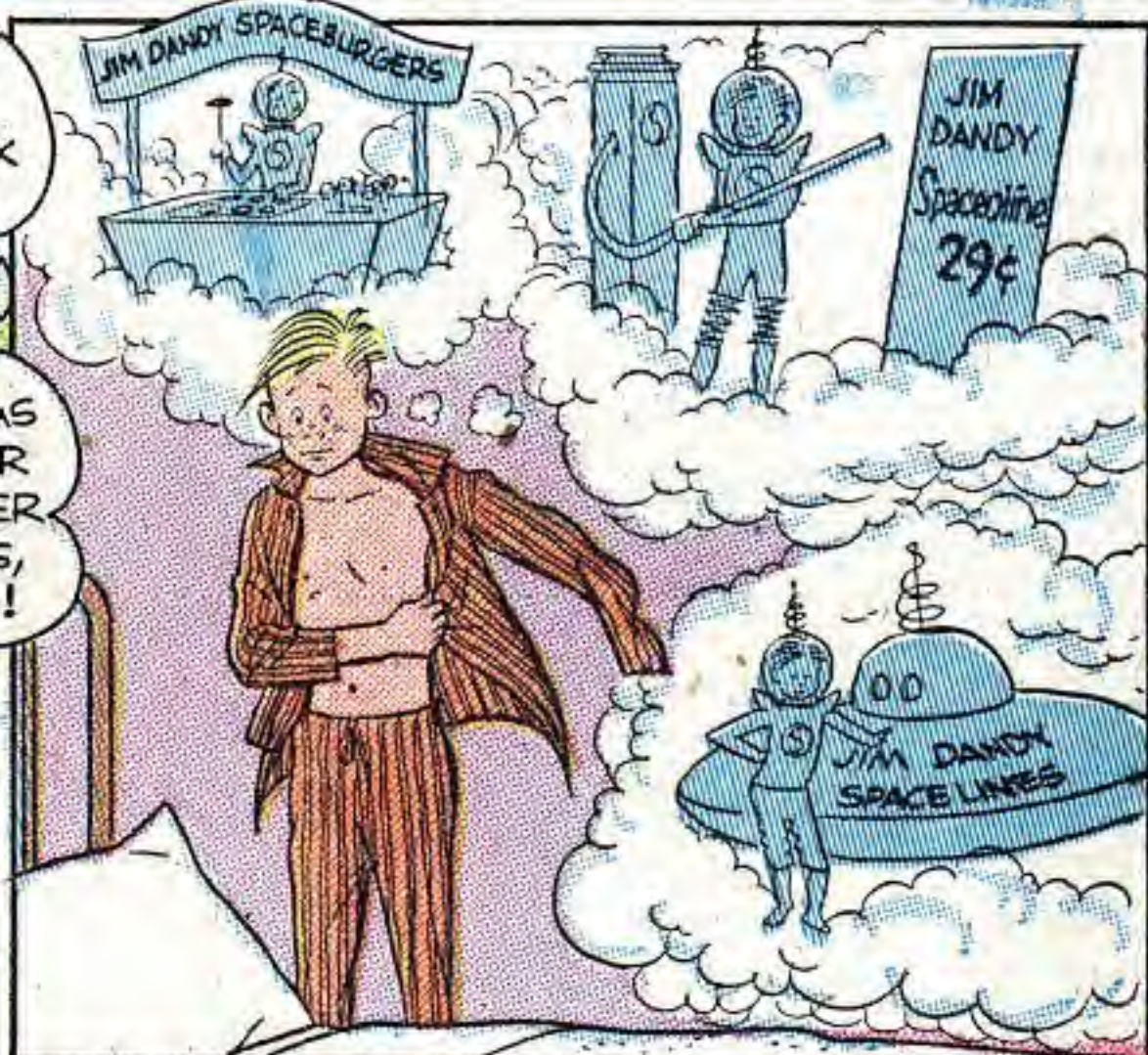
OKAY, AFTER I TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE CELLAR. I WANT TO SEE HOW MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE!



TOO MUCH! YOU GET RIGHT ON UPSTAIRS! MARCH!

BUT I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK AND I'M NOT SLEEPY!

DO AS YOUR FATHER SAYS, JIM!



I GUESS I WILL STOP DAYDREAMING AND STUFF LIKE THAT! THEN MAYBE DENISE WOULD LIKE ME! I'LL BET IF I MADE THE FOOTBALL TEAM TOMORROW SHE'D CHANGE HER TUNE! GOLLY...

SORRY, DENISE—I'LL THINK ABOUT BEING YOUR BOY FRIEND!

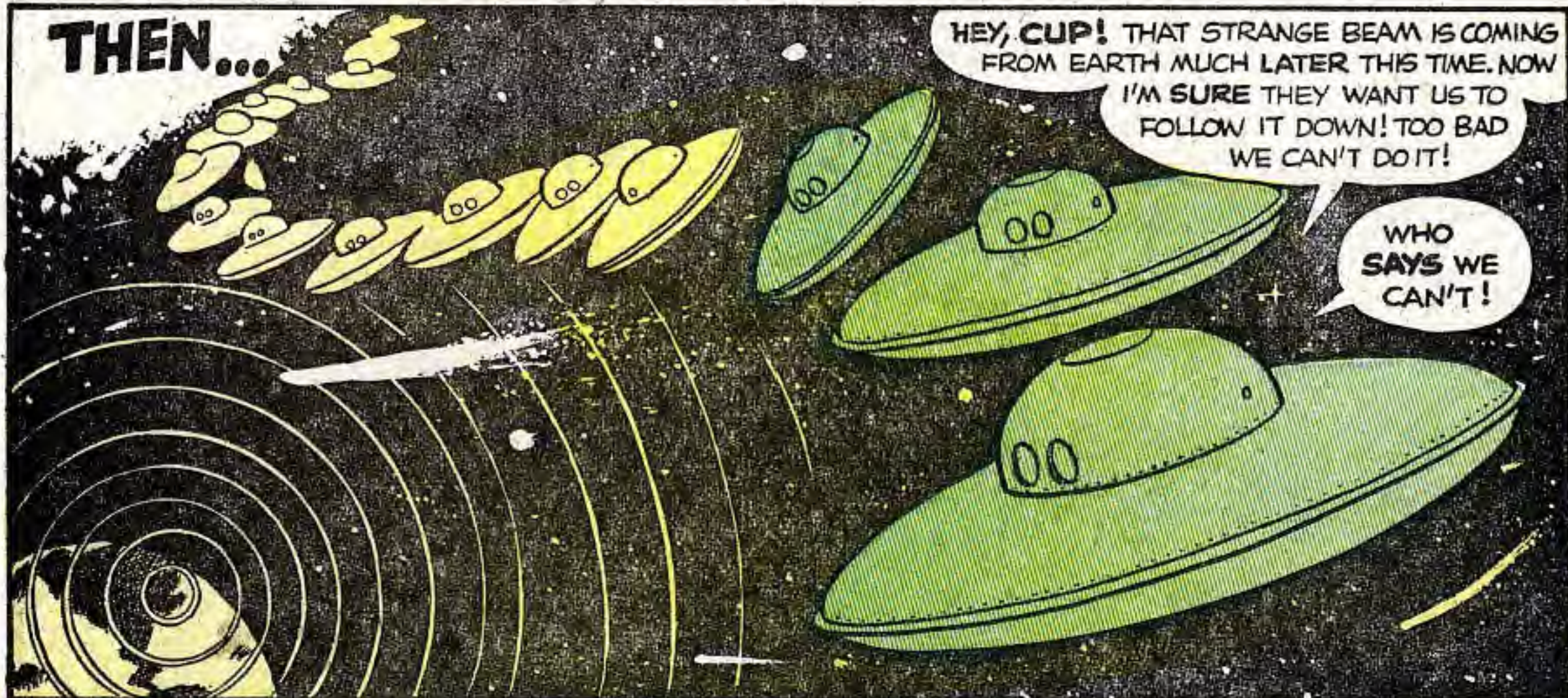


THAT AFTERNOON'S EXCITEMENT CAUSED JIM DANDY TO FORGET THAT HIS ULTRA HIGH FREQUENCY RADAR SENDER WAS STILL ON, REPEATING ONE SIGNAL OVER AND OVER, THE LETTER "A"!



THUS IT WENT THROUGH THE EARLY MORNING HOURS...

THEN...



HEY, CUP! THAT STRANGE BEAM IS COMING FROM EARTH MUCH LATER THIS TIME. NOW I'M SURE THEY WANT US TO FOLLOW IT DOWN! TOO BAD WE CAN'T DO IT!

WHO SAYS WE CAN'T!

WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE FORMATION, CUP! YOU KNOW THAT!

BUT THIS MIGHT BE THE CHANCE OF A SPACETIME! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GRAB THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO EARTH THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS, BUT I DO!

HOLD IT, CUP! I OVERHEARD THAT! RETURN TO BASE AT ONCE! THAT IS AN ORDER!

BUT CHIEF, WE SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT'S DOWN THERE!

SEE, YOU SAP!

OUT OF MY WAY, FLUNKY! THE CHIEF ISN'T GOING TO STOP ME, EITHER! I'M GOING TO EARTH!

YOU MAY BE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP, CUP, BUT IF YOU WON'T OBEY HIGHER ORDERS, I'LL TAKE COMMAND!

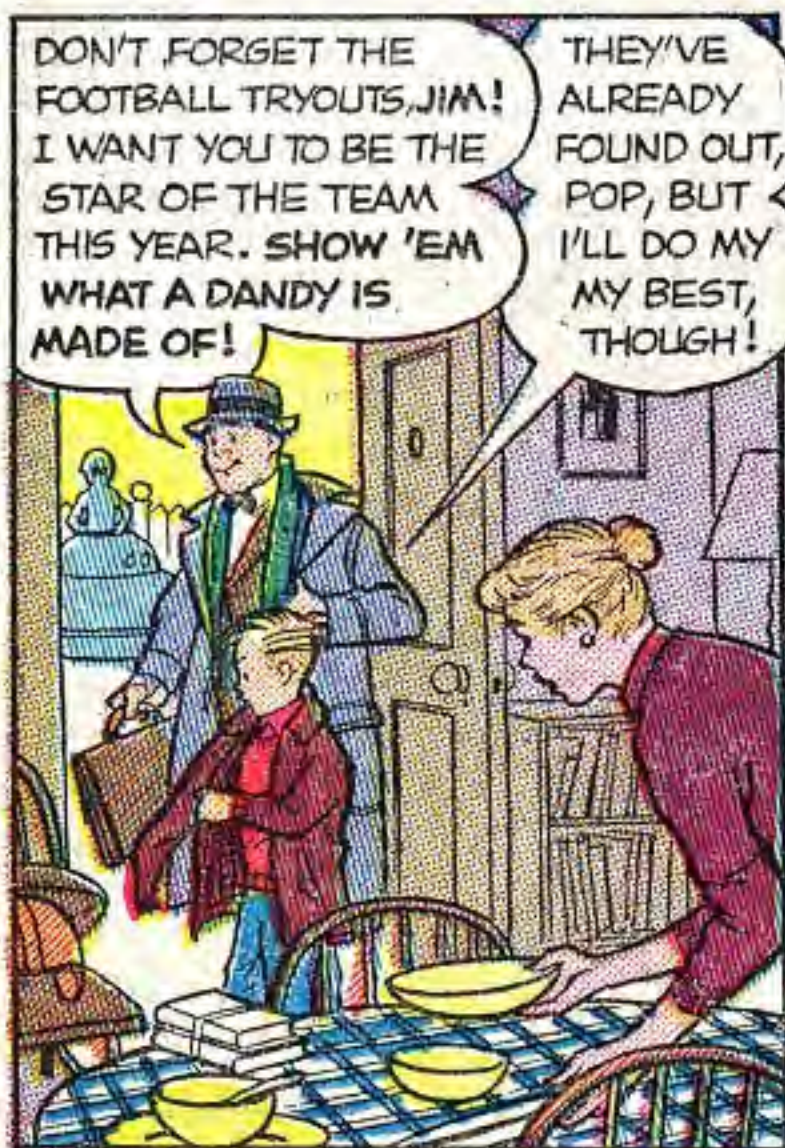
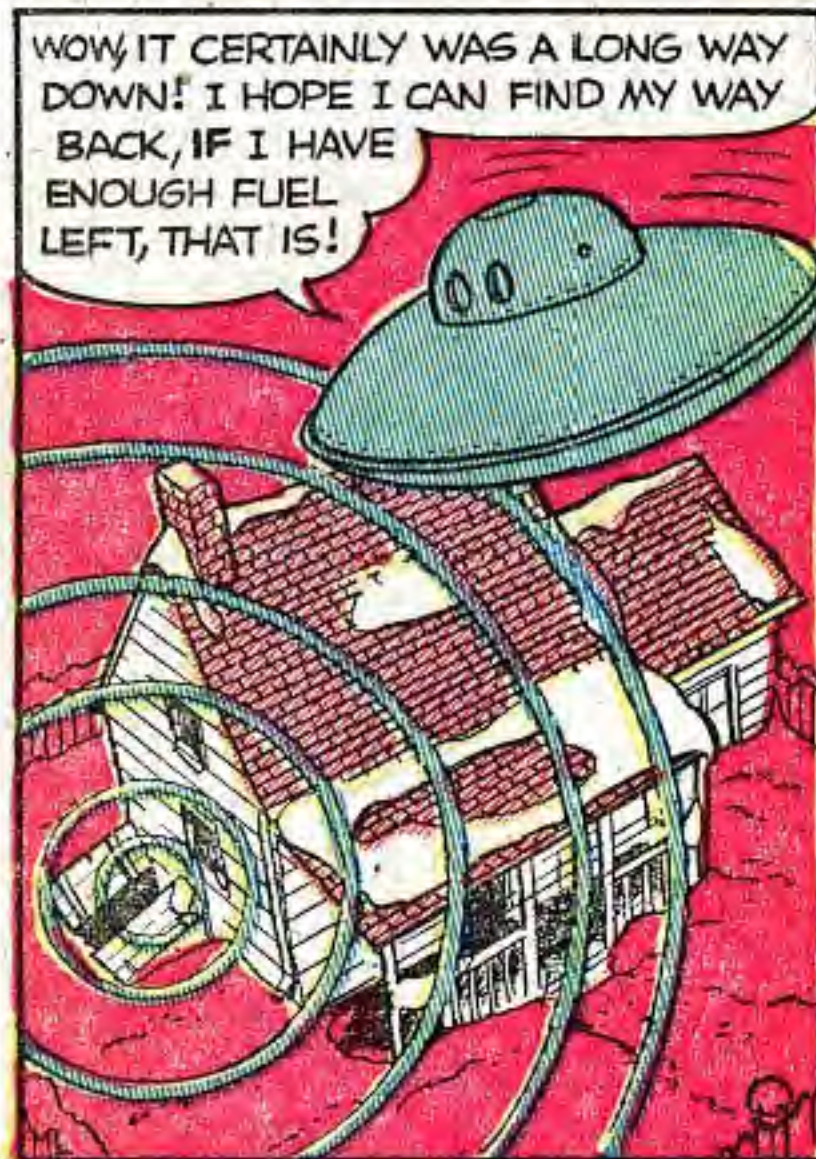
YOU AND WHAT TASK FORCE? THIS IS MY SHIP! I'LL TAKE NO LIP FROM YOU! IF YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT I'M DOING, YOU CAN BLAST OFF IN YOUR ATOMIC FLYING BELT!

VERY WELL, CUP, BUT YOU'RE MAKING A REAL BIG GOOFER THIS TIME! YOU'LL BE PLANETED FOR THIS!

I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES. I DIDN'T JOIN THE SAUCER CORPS JUST TO JOCKEY AROUND SPACE! AND YOU CAN TELL THAT TO THE CHIEF, TOO!

YOU'RE SPACE-HAPPY AGAIN! THAT'S WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU! YOU'LL GET SPACE-BOUND AS SURE AS MY NAME IS TIBERCIOUS! GOOD-BY FOREVER, CUP!

THANKS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT!



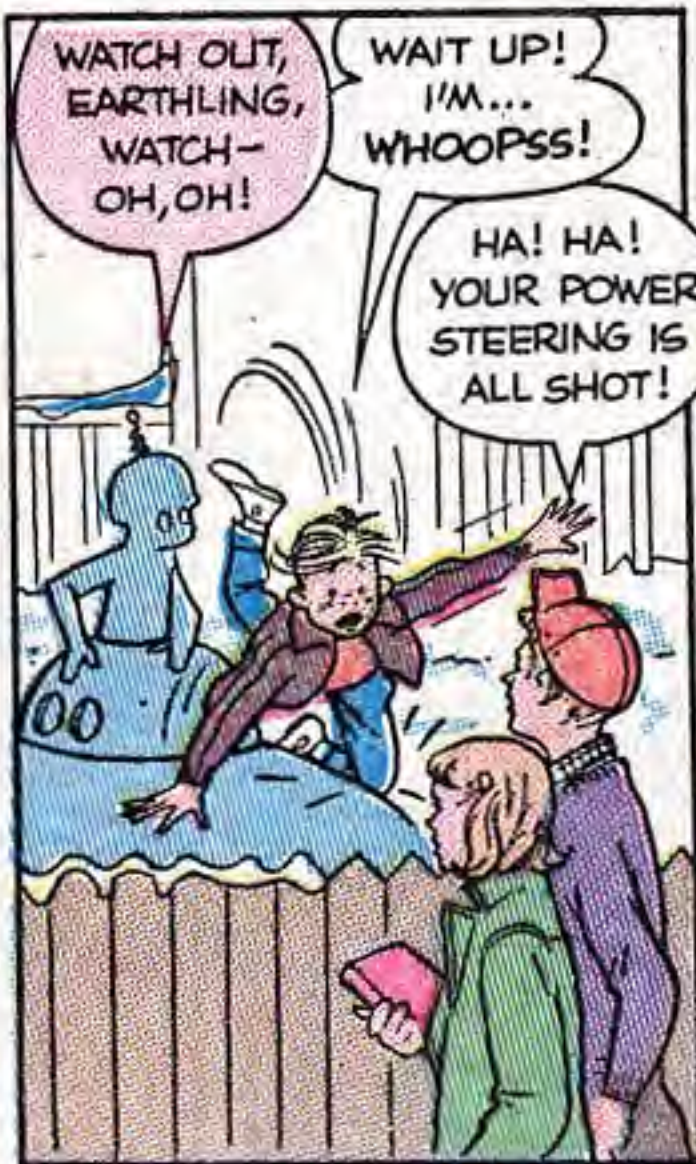


I'D HAVE SWORN I TRIPPED OVER SOMETHING BUT NOTHING'S THERE!



ANOTHER ONE!

HIYA, DENISE...



WATCH OUT, EARTHLING, WATCH—OH, OH!

WAIT UP! I'M... WHOOPSS!

HA! HA! YOUR POWER STEERING IS ALL SHOT!



THEY CAN'T HEAR, EITHER! THIS YOUNG EARTHLING MUST BE THE ONE WHO SENT THOSE SIGNALS!

WHAT DID I TRIP OVER?

NOTHING, JIM DANDY! YOU'RE JUST CLUMSY AS EVER!



DON'T YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU THE MATH ANSWERS?

HEY, DANDY, HERE'S A PROBLEM FOR YOU! HOW FAST DOES A SNOWBALL TRAVEL?

OH, DEAR! I HOPE JIM STANDS UP TO DASH!



JIM! WATCH OUT!

WELL, I GUESS HE'S MINE! I'D BETTER KEEP HIM FROM GETTING HURT!



NICE DUCKING, JIM!

NO! I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED FROM THIS DISTANCE! I'M SEEING THINGS!



BUT I **DIDN'T** DUCK! GEE, THAT WAS A NEAT UPSHOOT CURVE, DASH! IT WAS COMING RIGHT AT ME AND THEN WHOOSH—UP IT WENT!

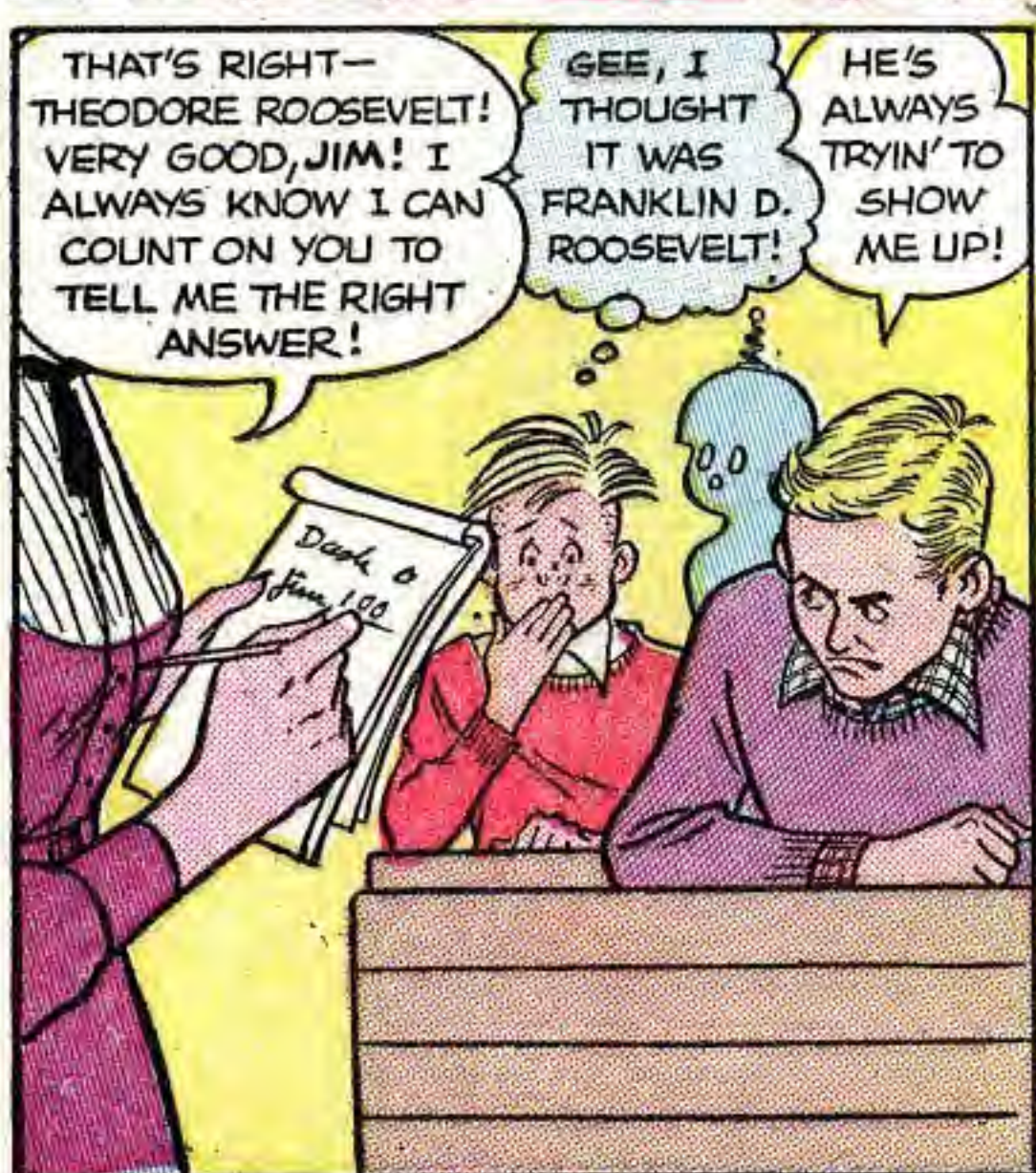
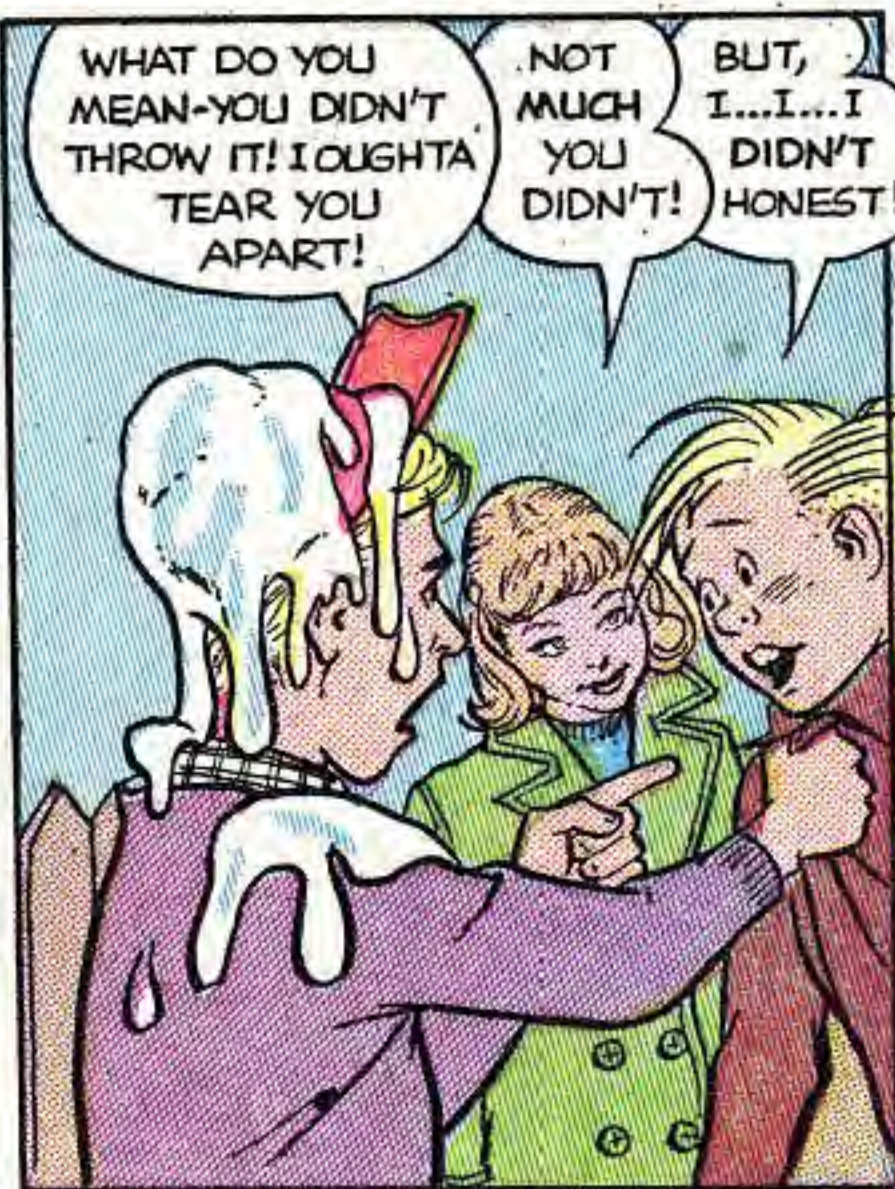
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME? DON'T GET WISE, OR I'LL BELT YOU ONE!

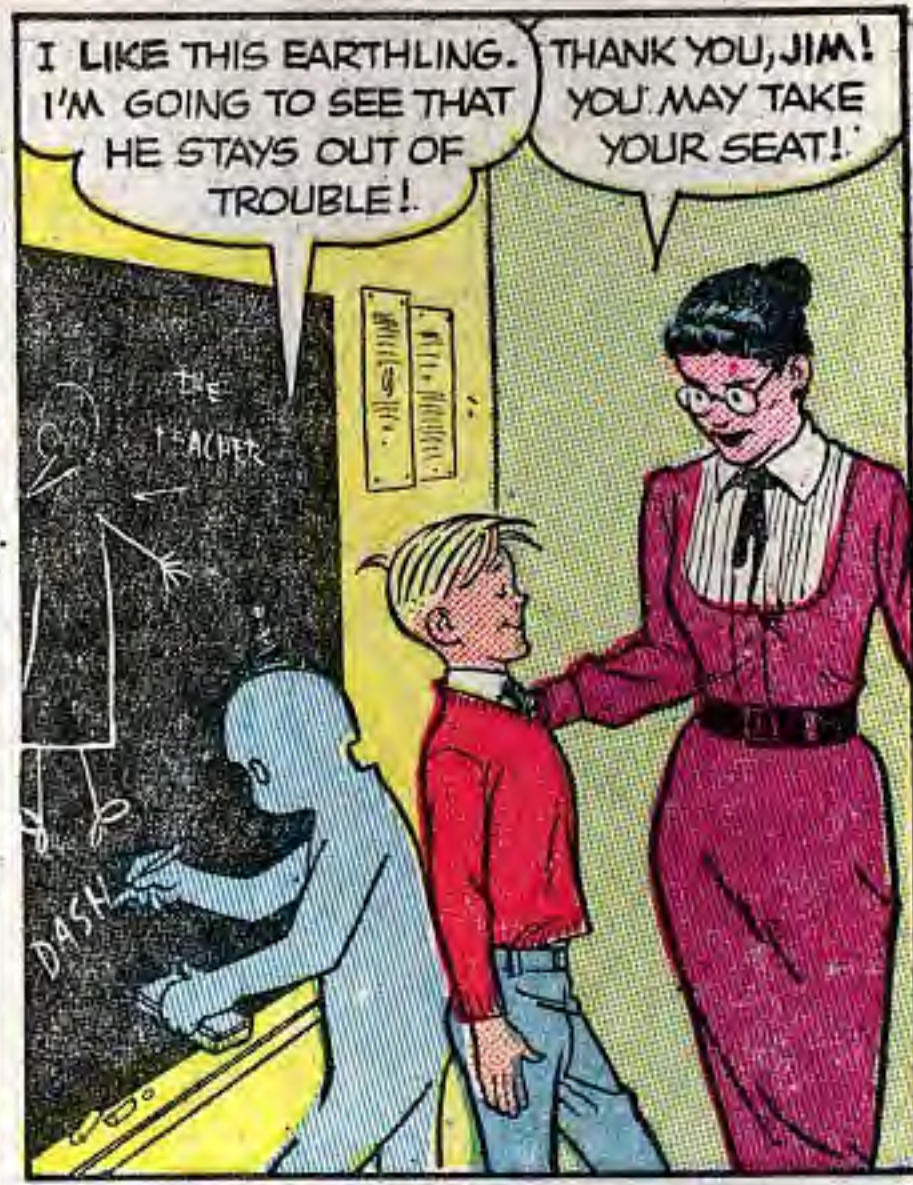
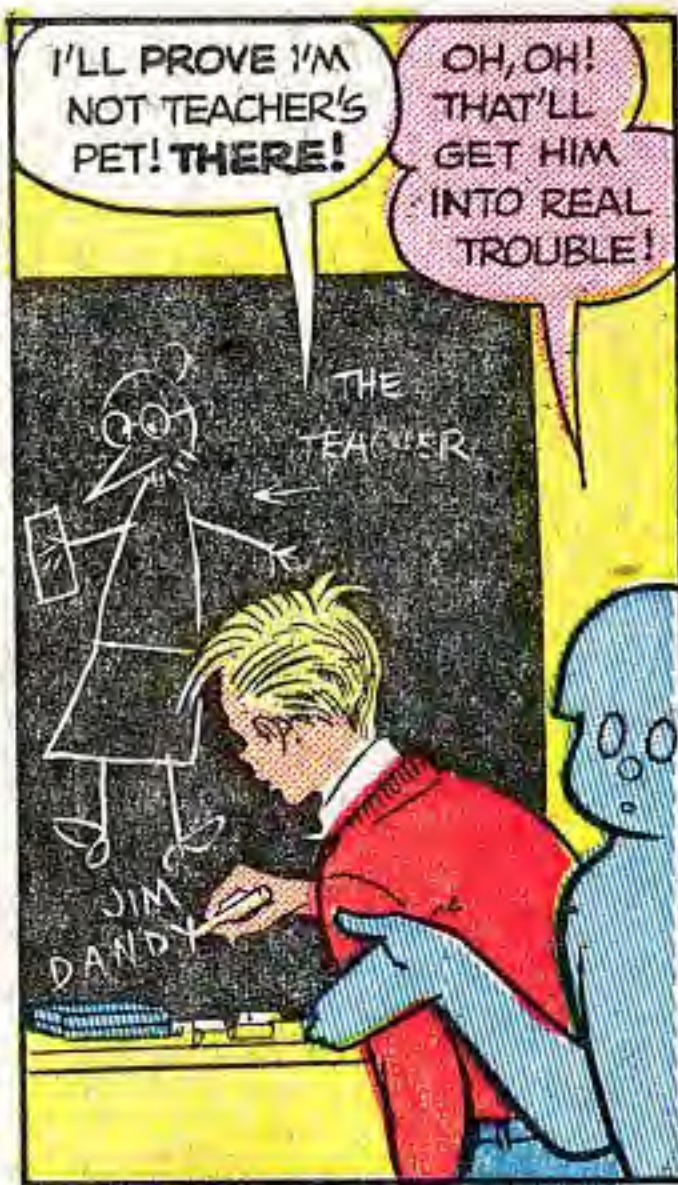
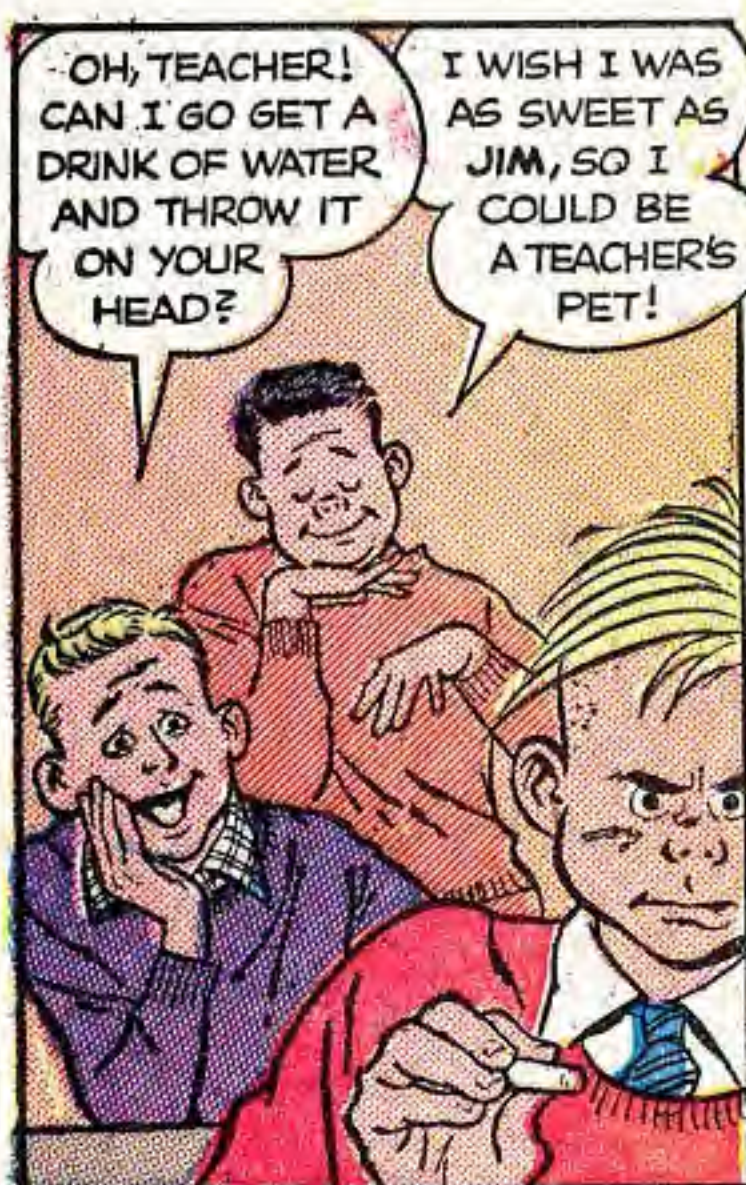


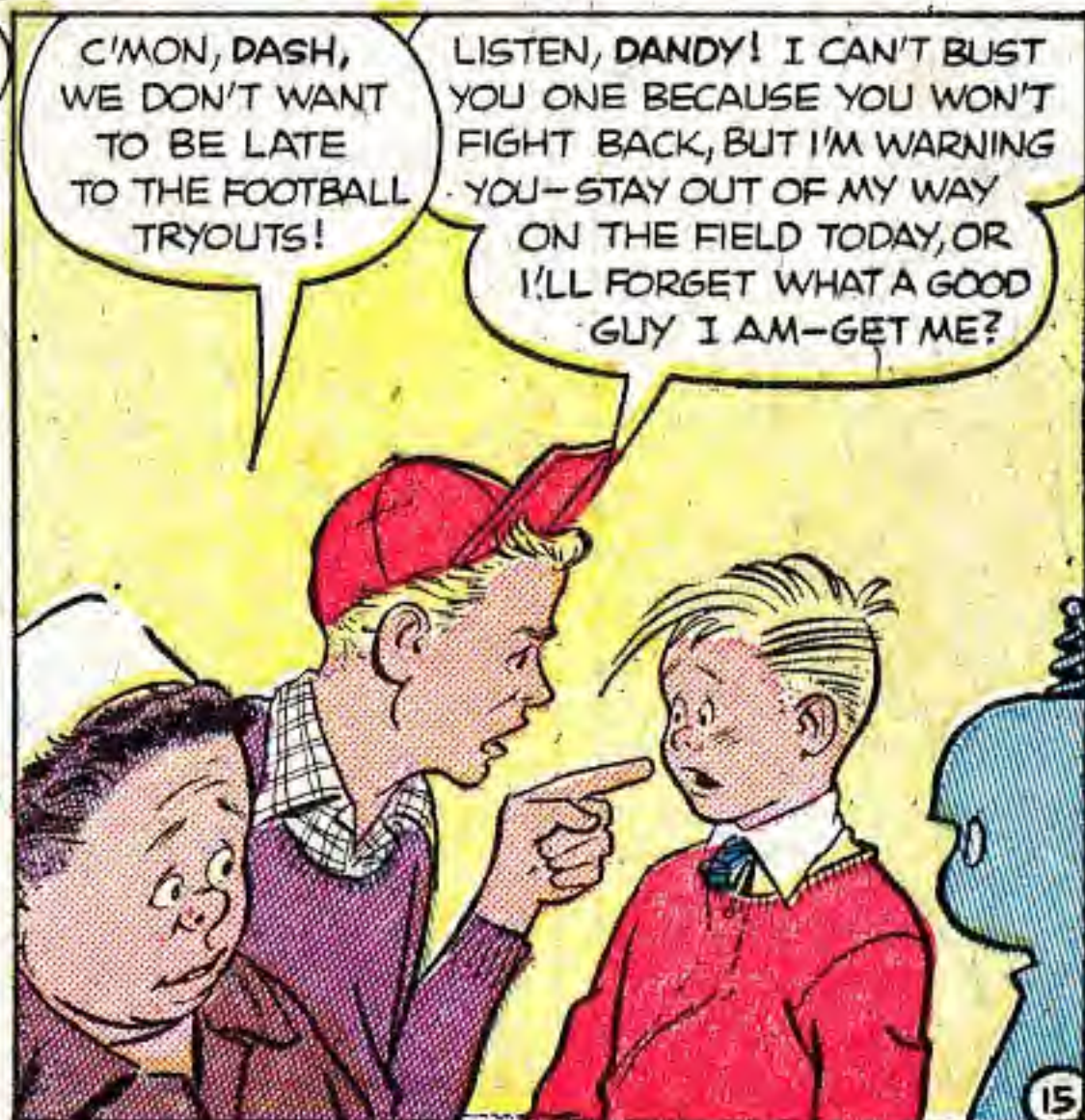
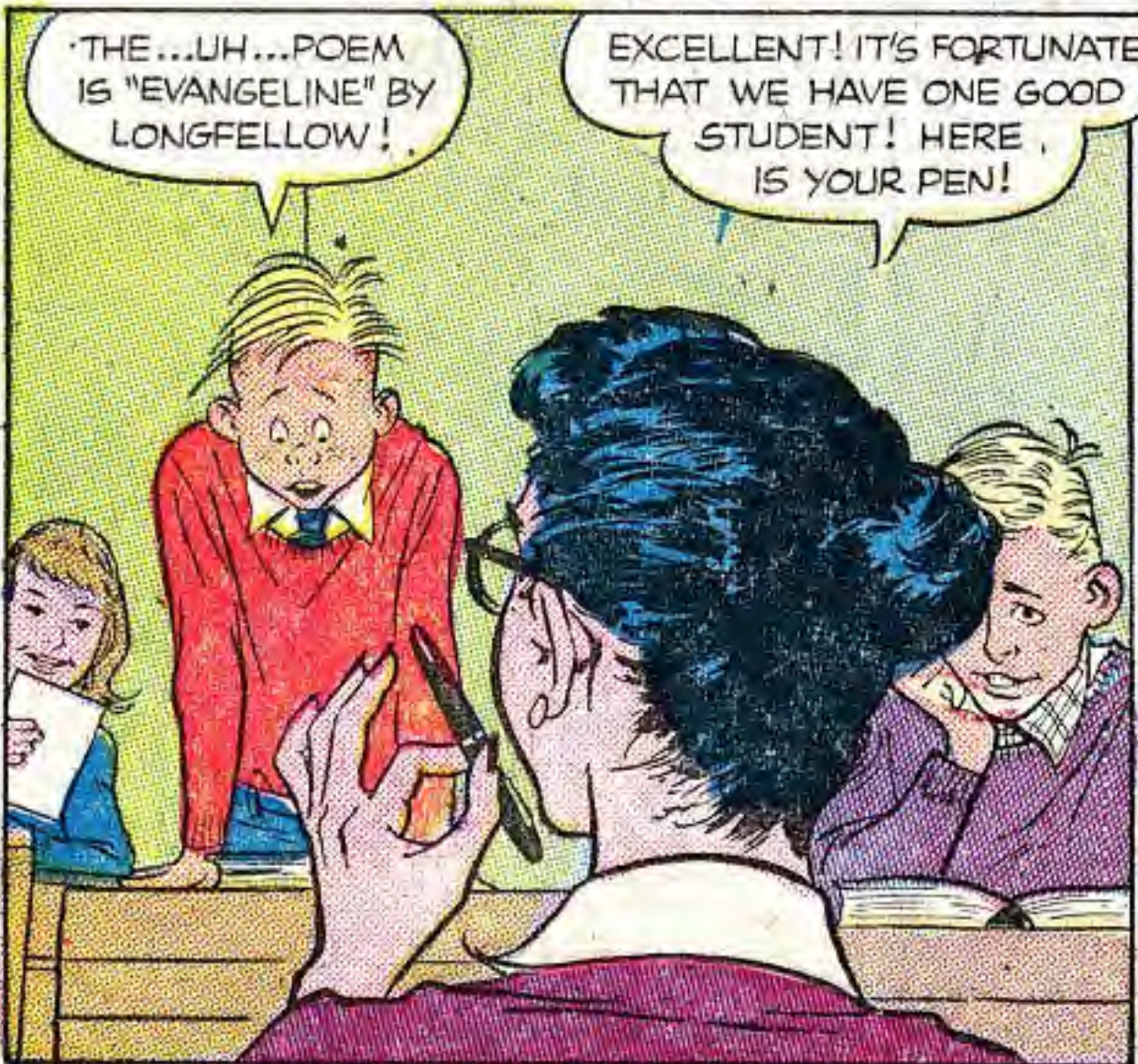
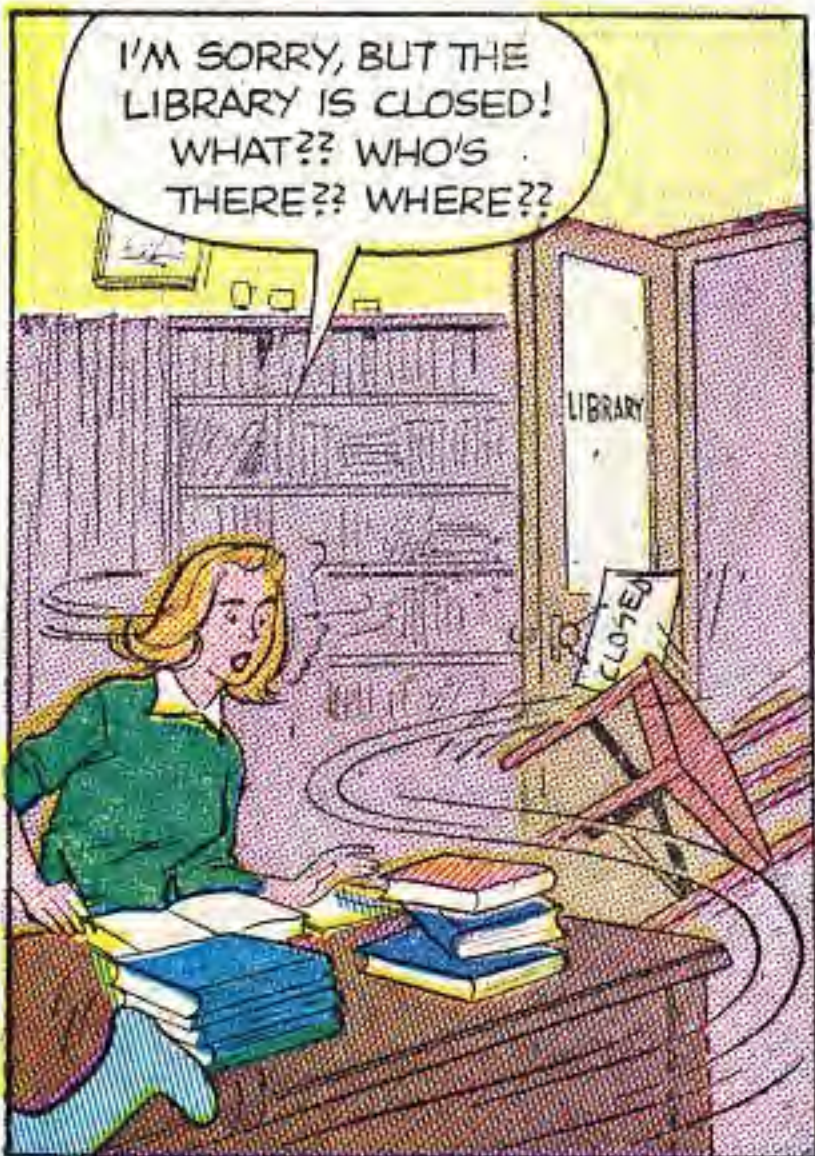
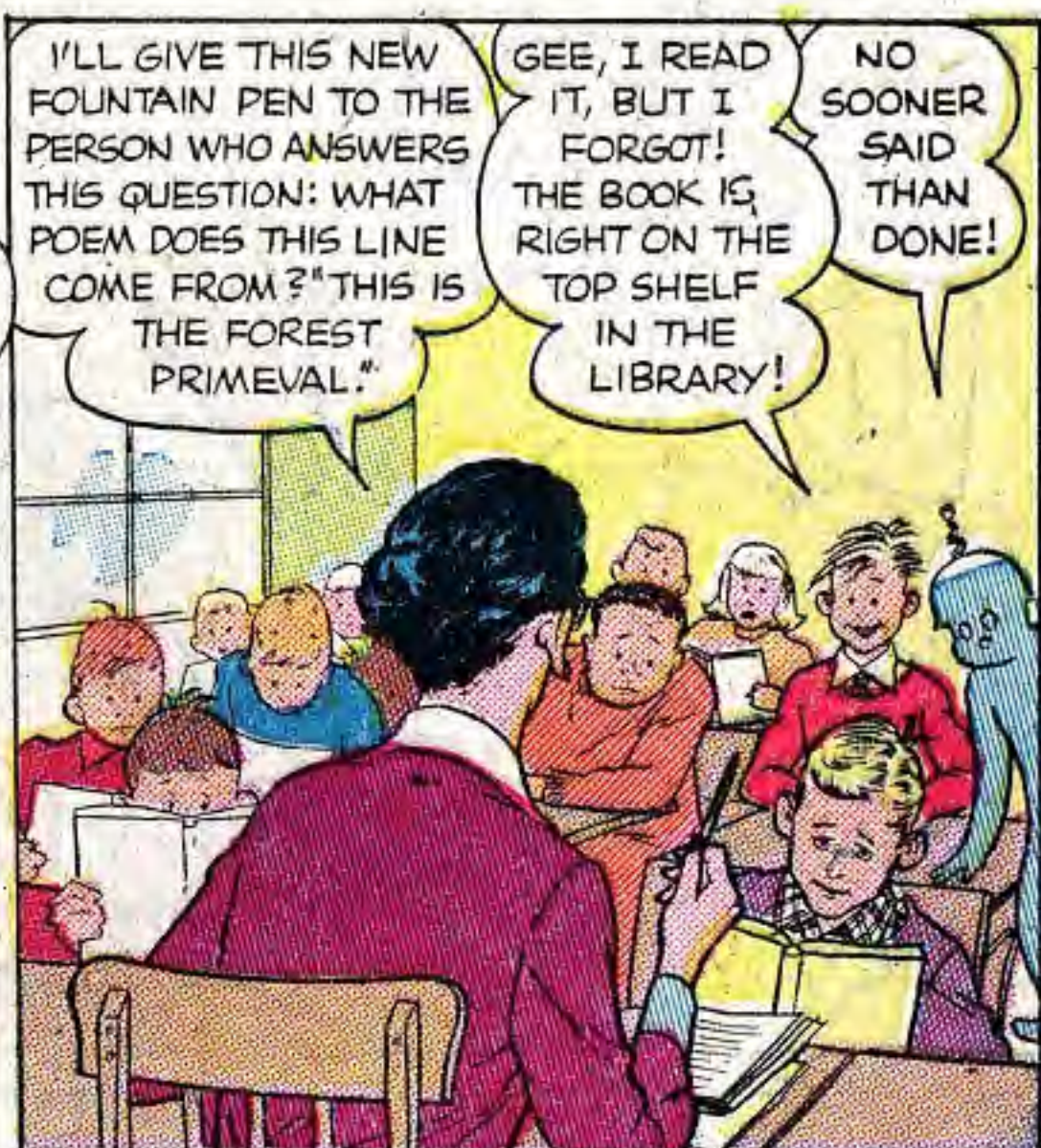
YOU'LL PITCH SOME GAME THIS SPRING! I WASN'T GETTING WISE, DASH, HONEST!

YOU'D BETTER NOT! YOU COULDN'T EVEN THROW THAT FAR—MUCH LESS HIT ANYBODY!

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!







JIM DANDY

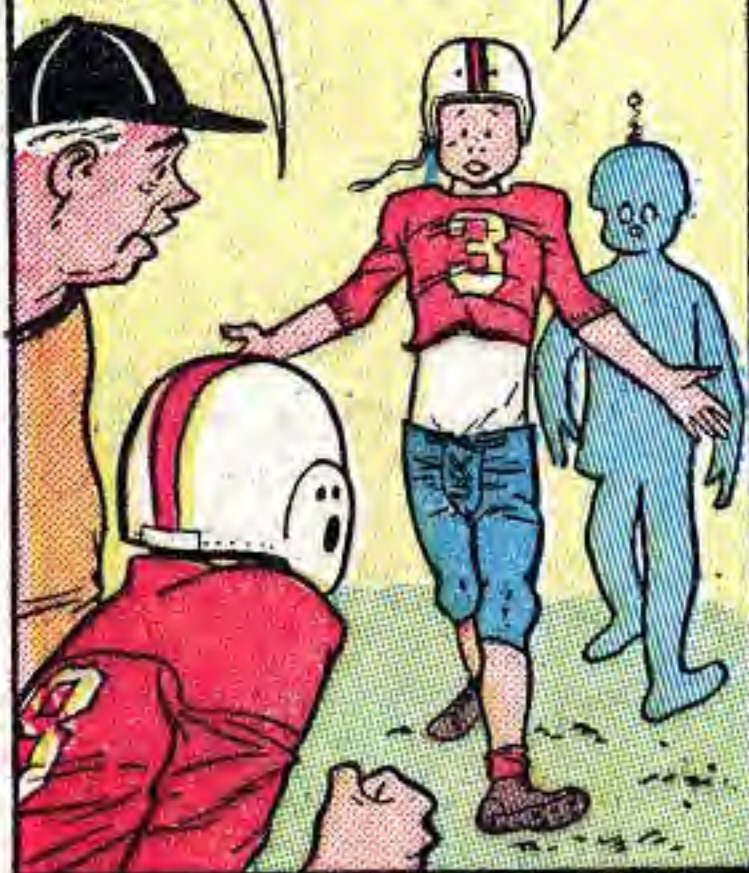
"A HERO'S STRANGE REWARD"

OKAY, LADS, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET STARTED! FIRST WE'LL HAVE A FEW SPRINTS, AND SEE IF WE'VE GOT ANY SPEED BOY THIS YEAR! LINE UP AT THE FAR END OF THE FIELD!



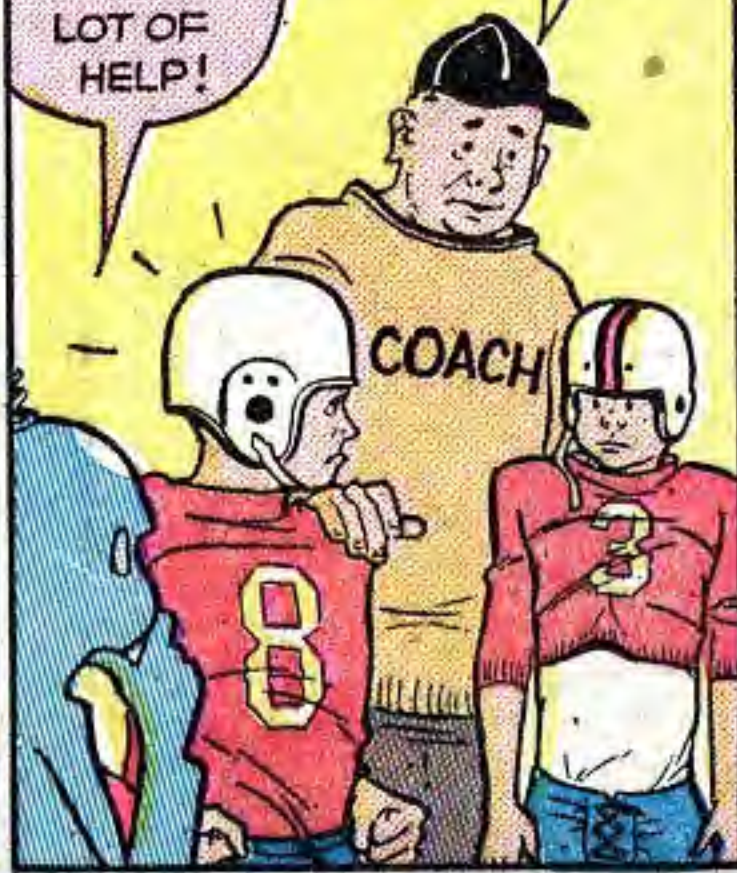
HA! HA! WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?

GEE, COACH, I'VE KIND OF OUTGROWN THIS SUIT, BUT I PROMISED MY FATHER I'D WEAR IT!



IT LOOKS LIKE MY STRANGE PAL IS GOING TO NEED A LOT OF HELP!

DON'T RIDE OUR LITTLE DAYDREAMER, DASH! EVERYBODY DESERVES A CHANCE.



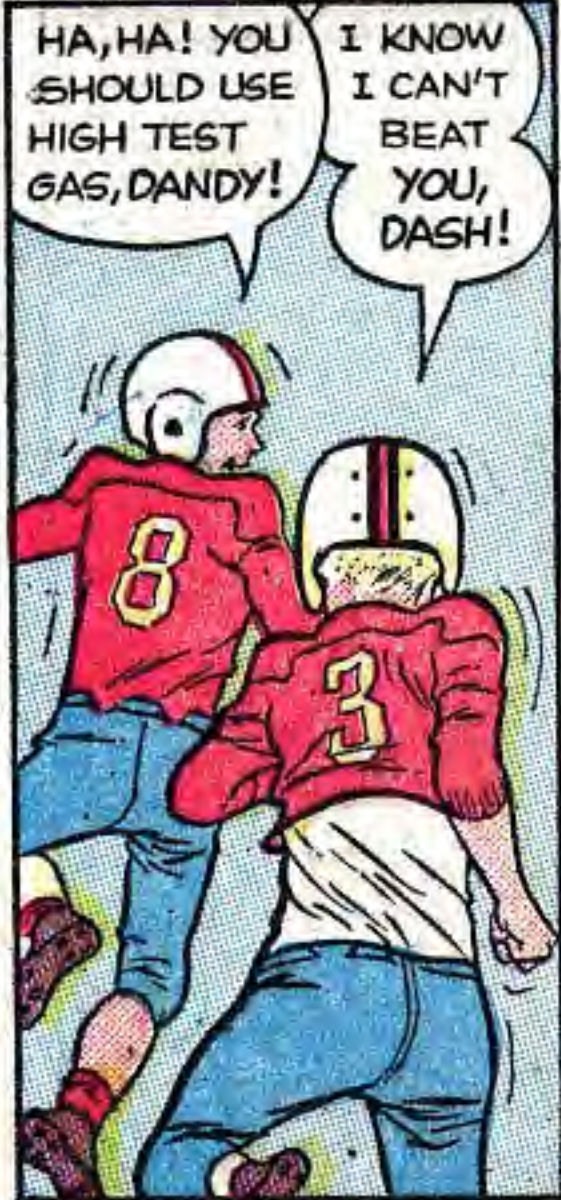
OKAY, AS I WAS SAYING, WE'LL ALL SPRINT DOWN TO THE FAR END OF THE FIELD! READY, SET...

I DON'T STAND A CHANCE! EVEN IF I WAS FAST, DASH WOULD BE FASTER!



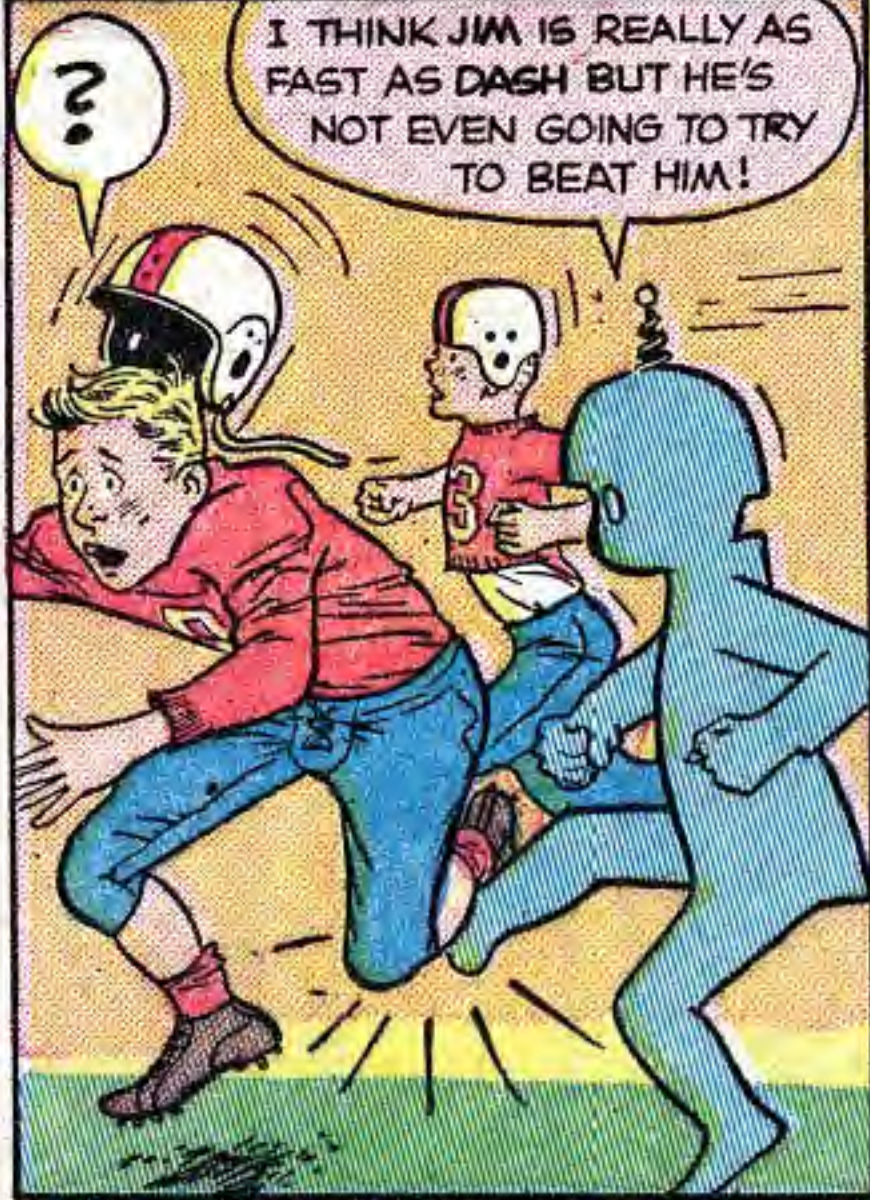
HA, HA! YOU SHOULD USE HIGH TEST GAS, DANDY!

I KNOW I CAN'T BEAT YOU, DASH!



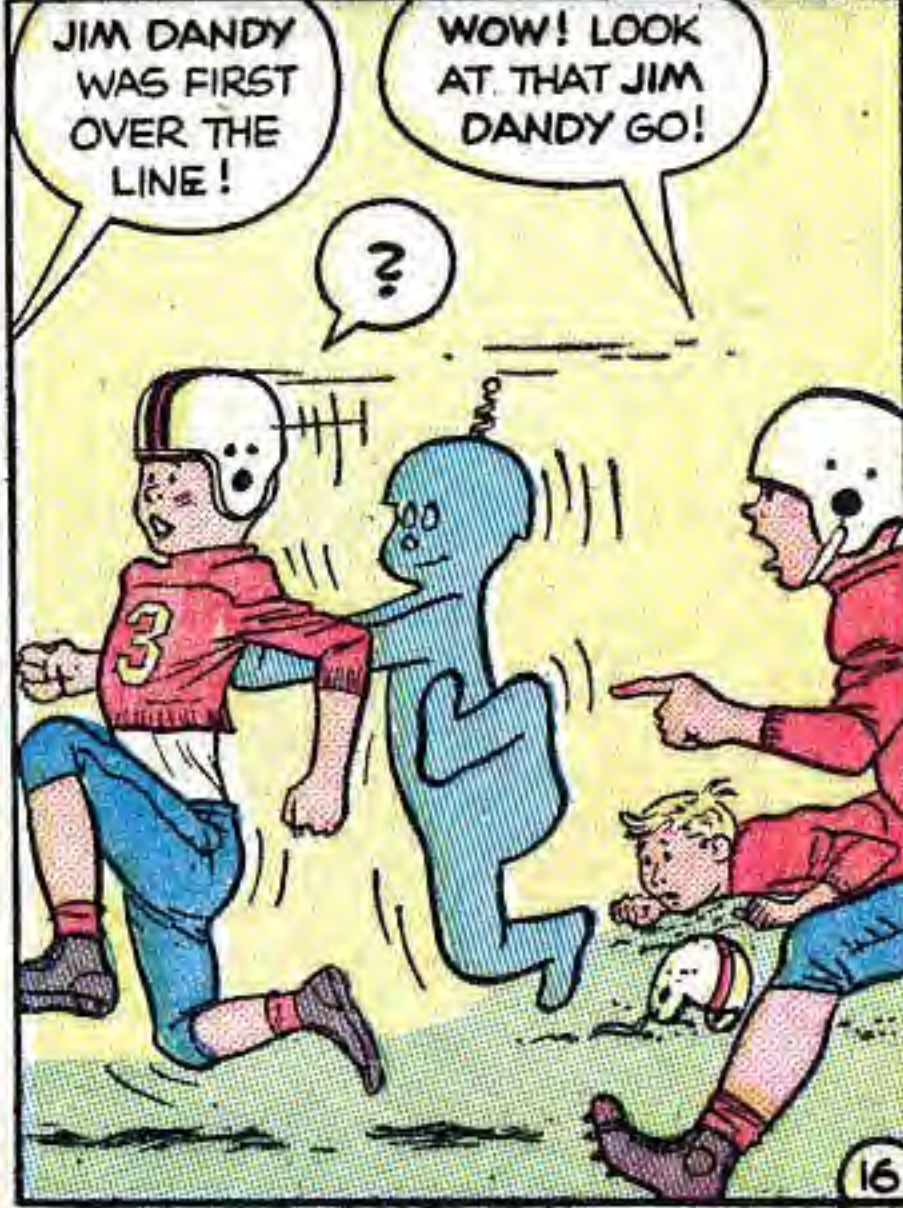
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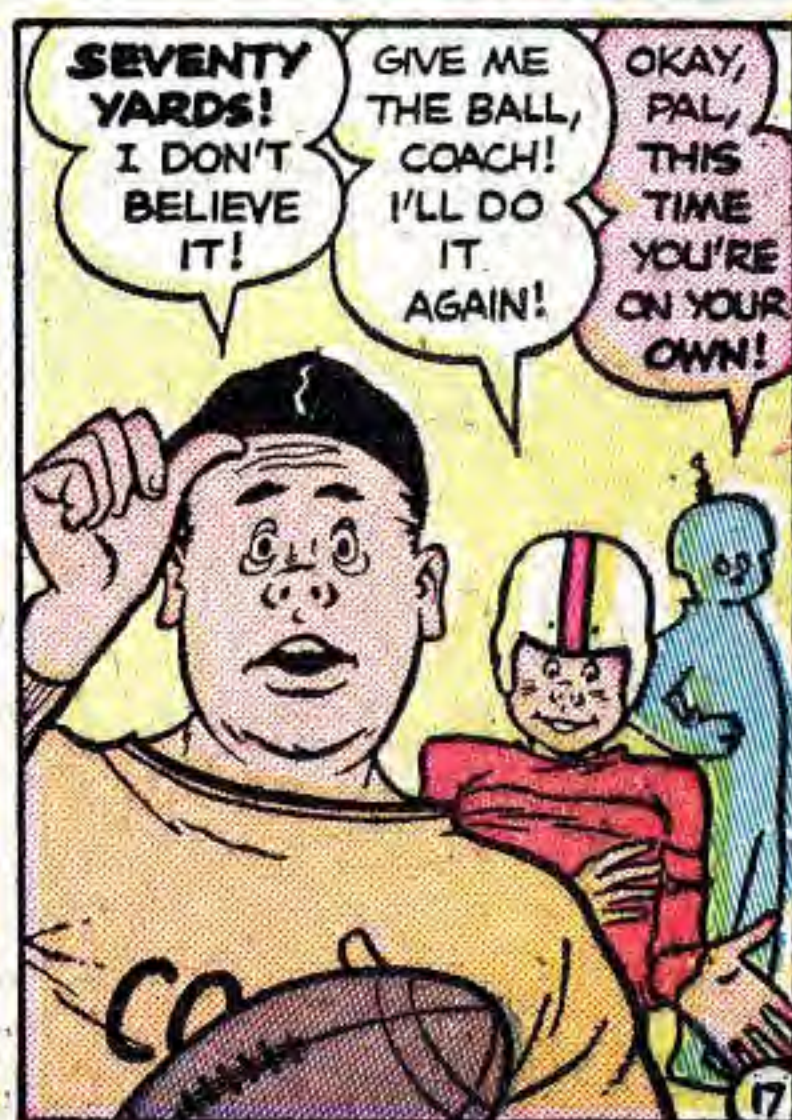
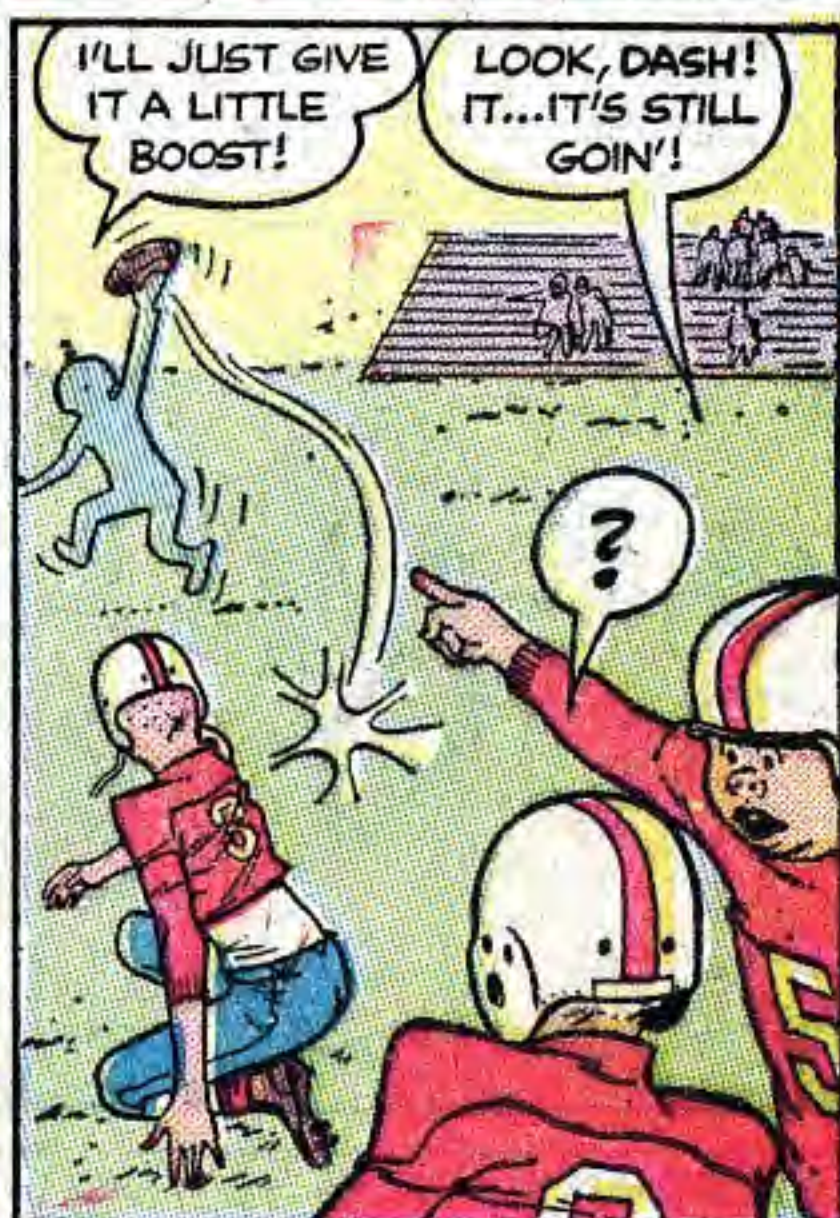
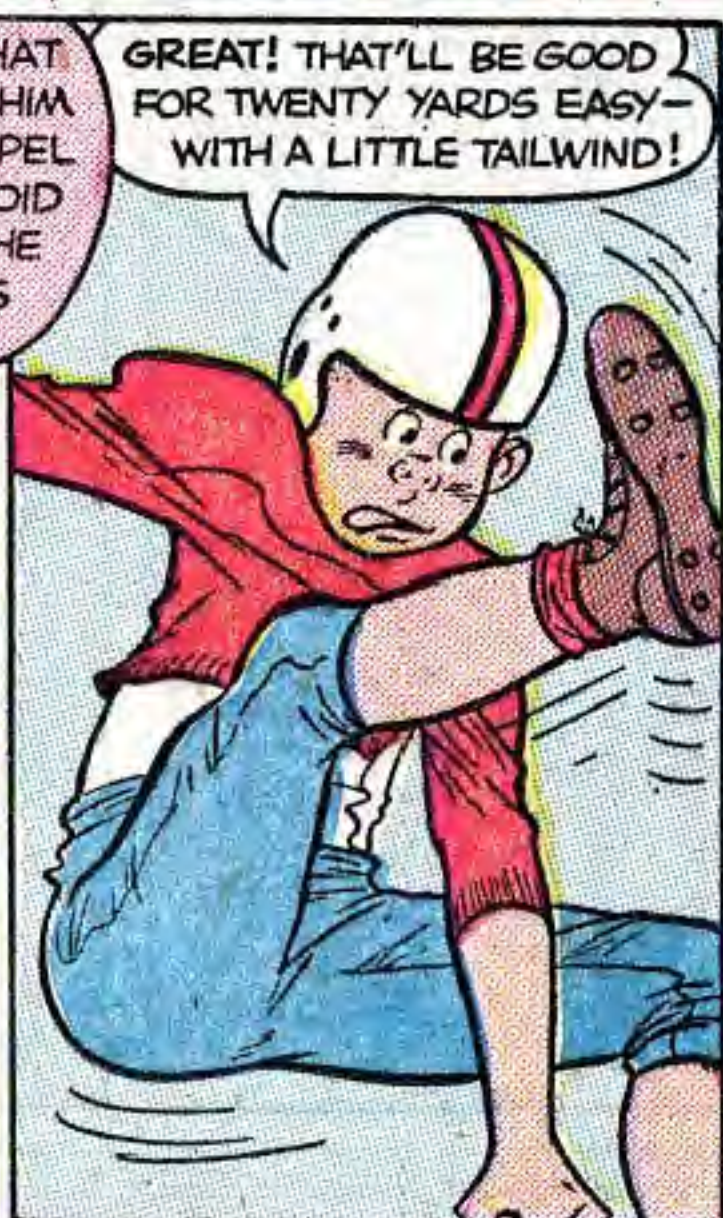
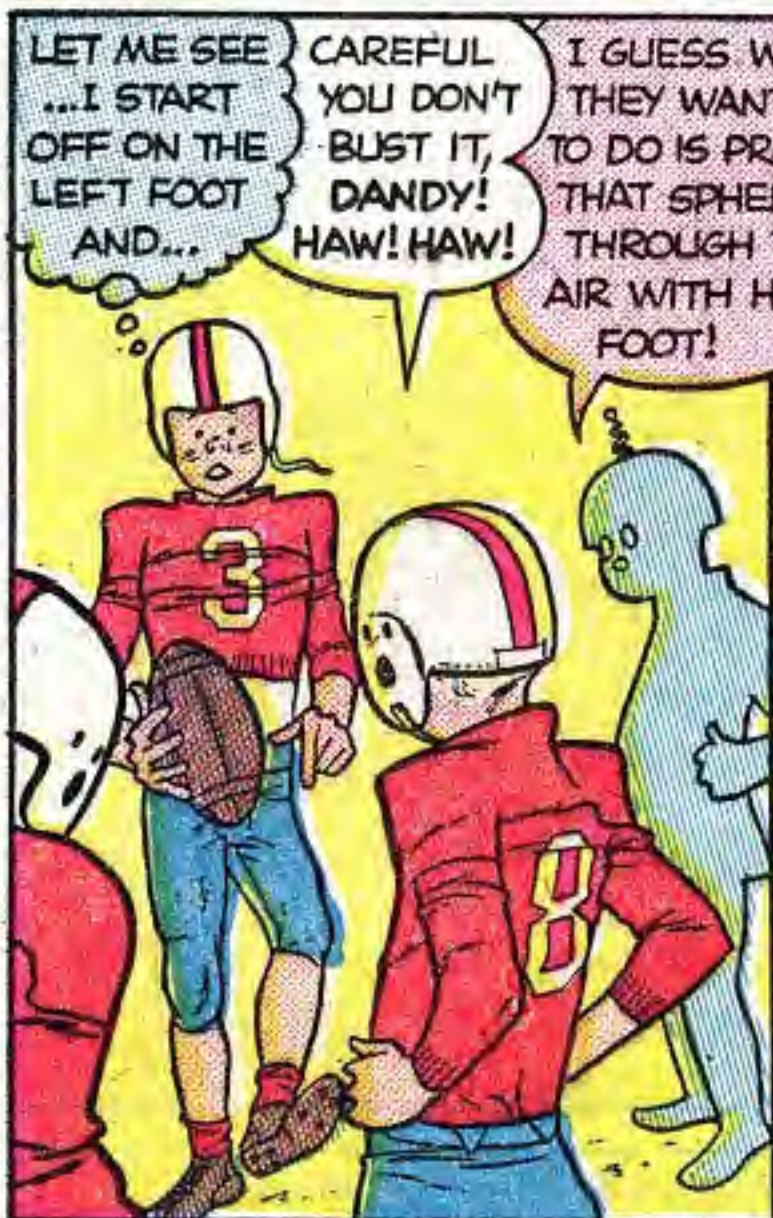
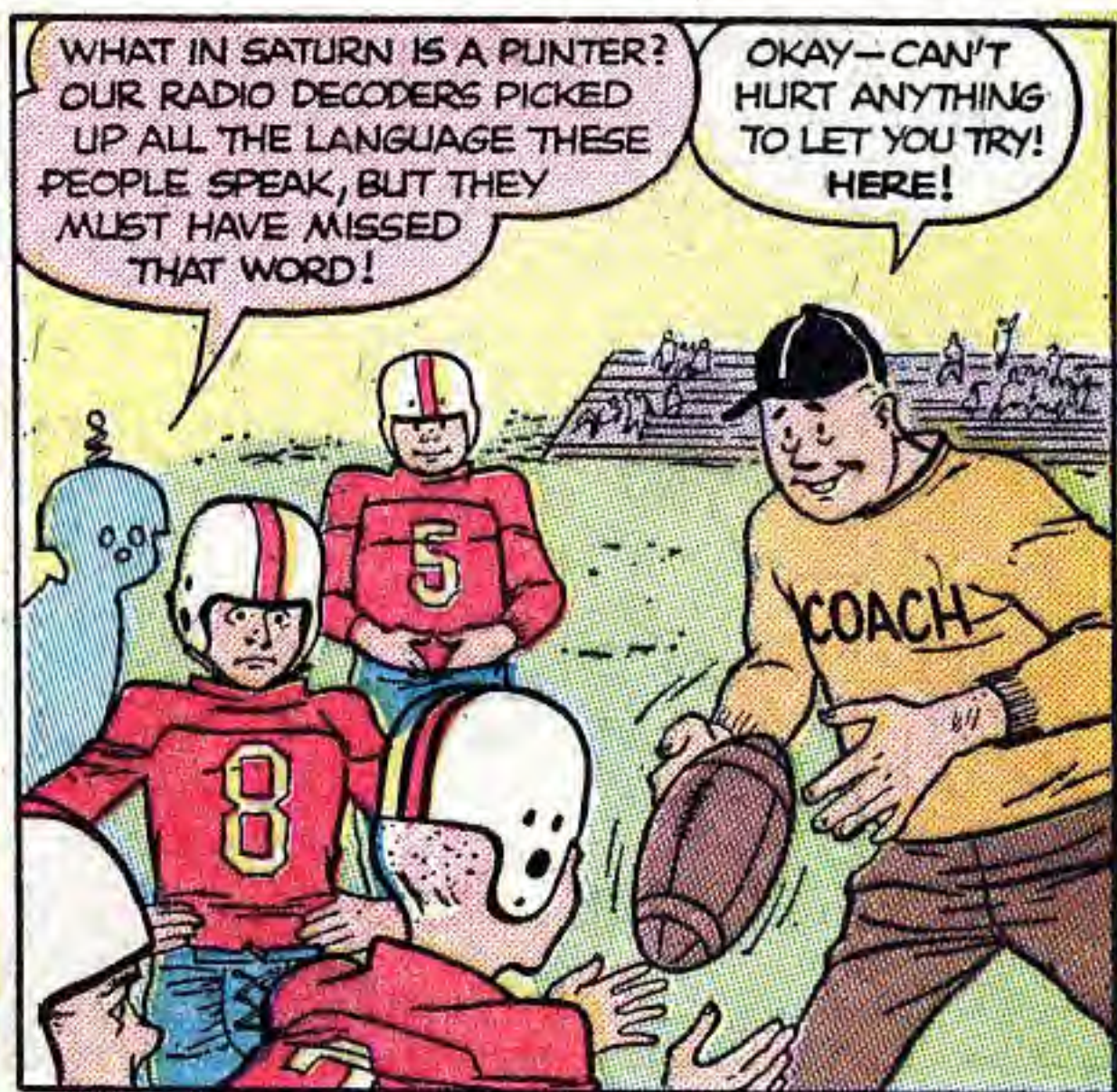
I THINK JIM IS REALLY AS FAST AS DASH BUT HE'S NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY TO BEAT HIM!



JIM DANDY WAS FIRST OVER THE LINE!

WOW! LOOK AT THAT JIM DANDY GO!



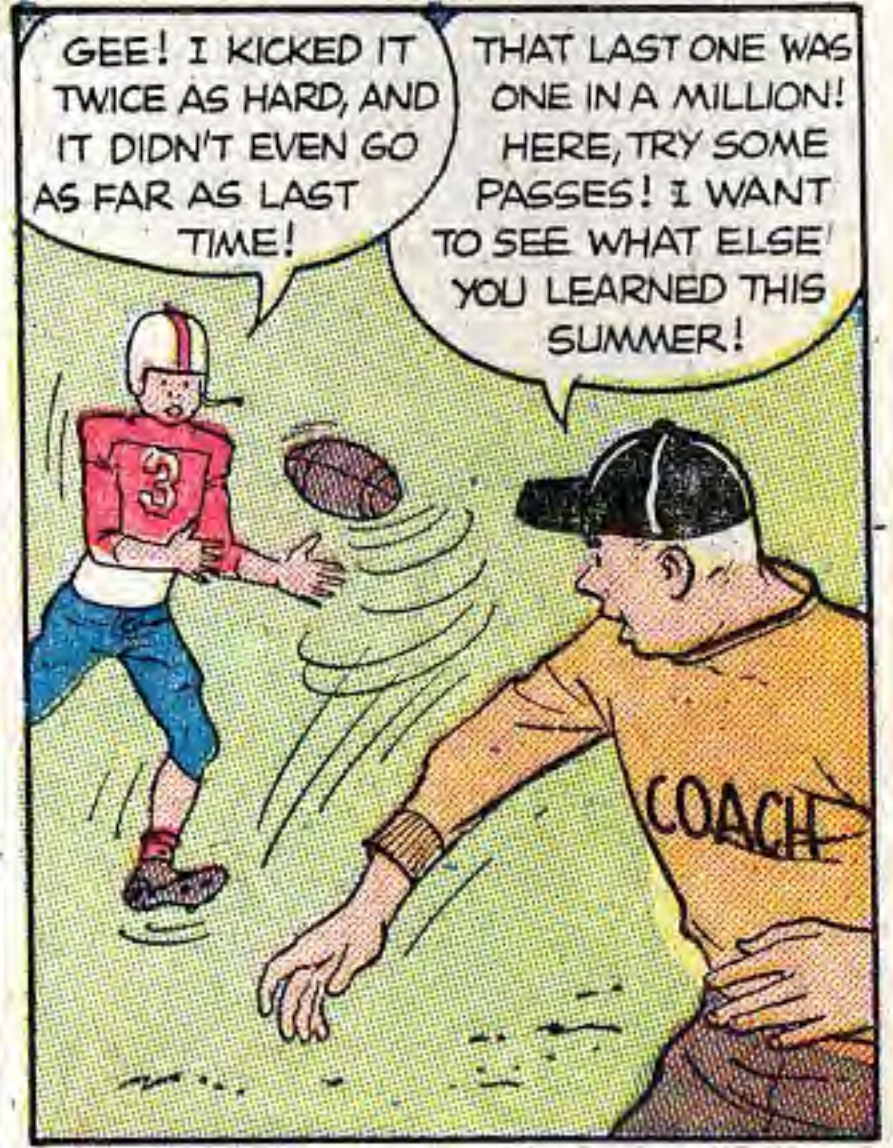




IF I CAN KICK SEVENTY YARDS WITHOUT HALF TRYING, THIS ONE OUGHTA GO OVER A HUNDRED!



THAT'S CLOSE TO 45 YARDS! EVEN IF THAT FIRST ONE WAS A FLUKE, HE'S STILL GOOD ENOUGH TO KICK FOR THIS TEAM!



GEE! I KICKED IT TWICE AS HARD, AND IT DIDN'T EVEN GO AS FAR AS LAST TIME!

THAT LAST ONE WAS ONE IN A MILLION! HERE, TRY SOME PASSES! I WANT TO SEE WHAT ELSE YOU LEARNED THIS SUMMER!



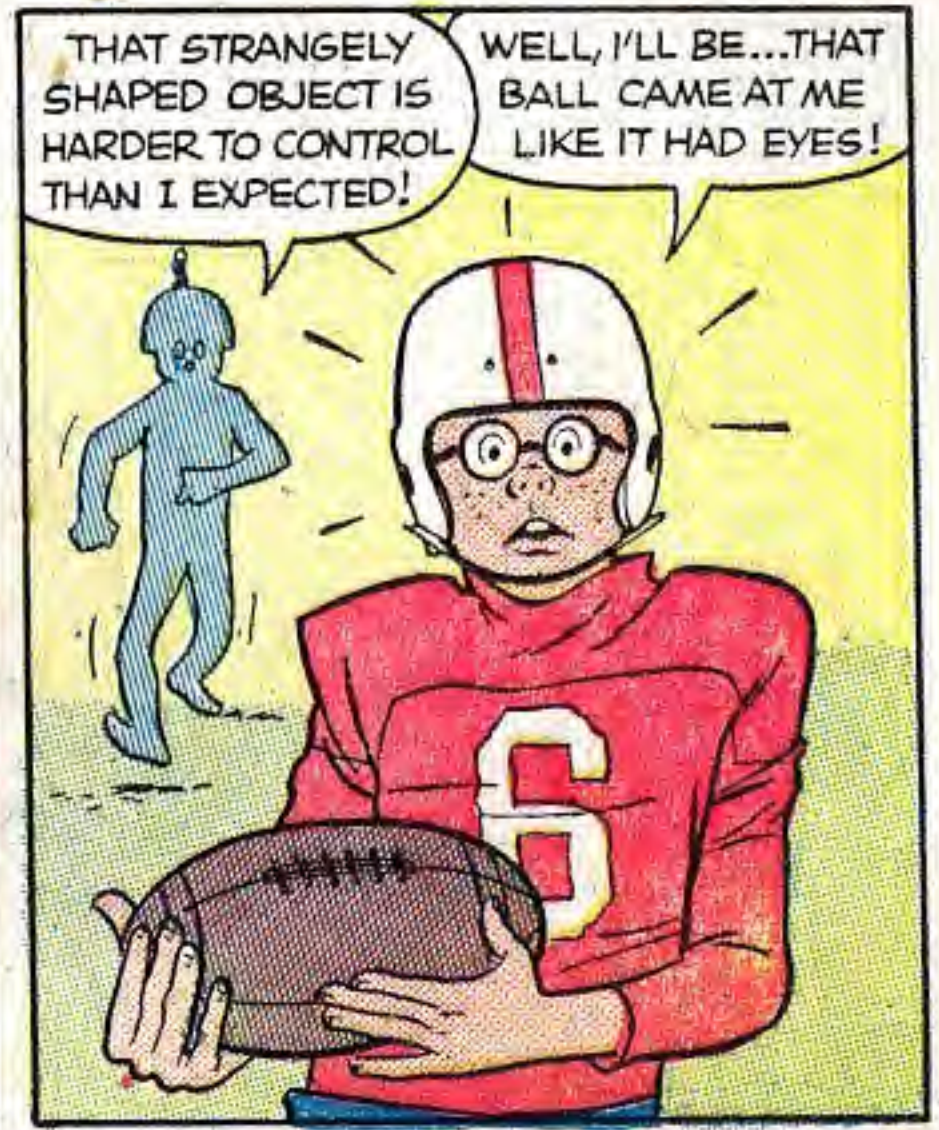
JIM, JUST TOSS A SIMPLE PASS TO THE HALFBACK! HE'LL CUT WIDE! ALL RIGHT, BOYS—LINE UP!

OKAY, COACH—16...20...HIKE!



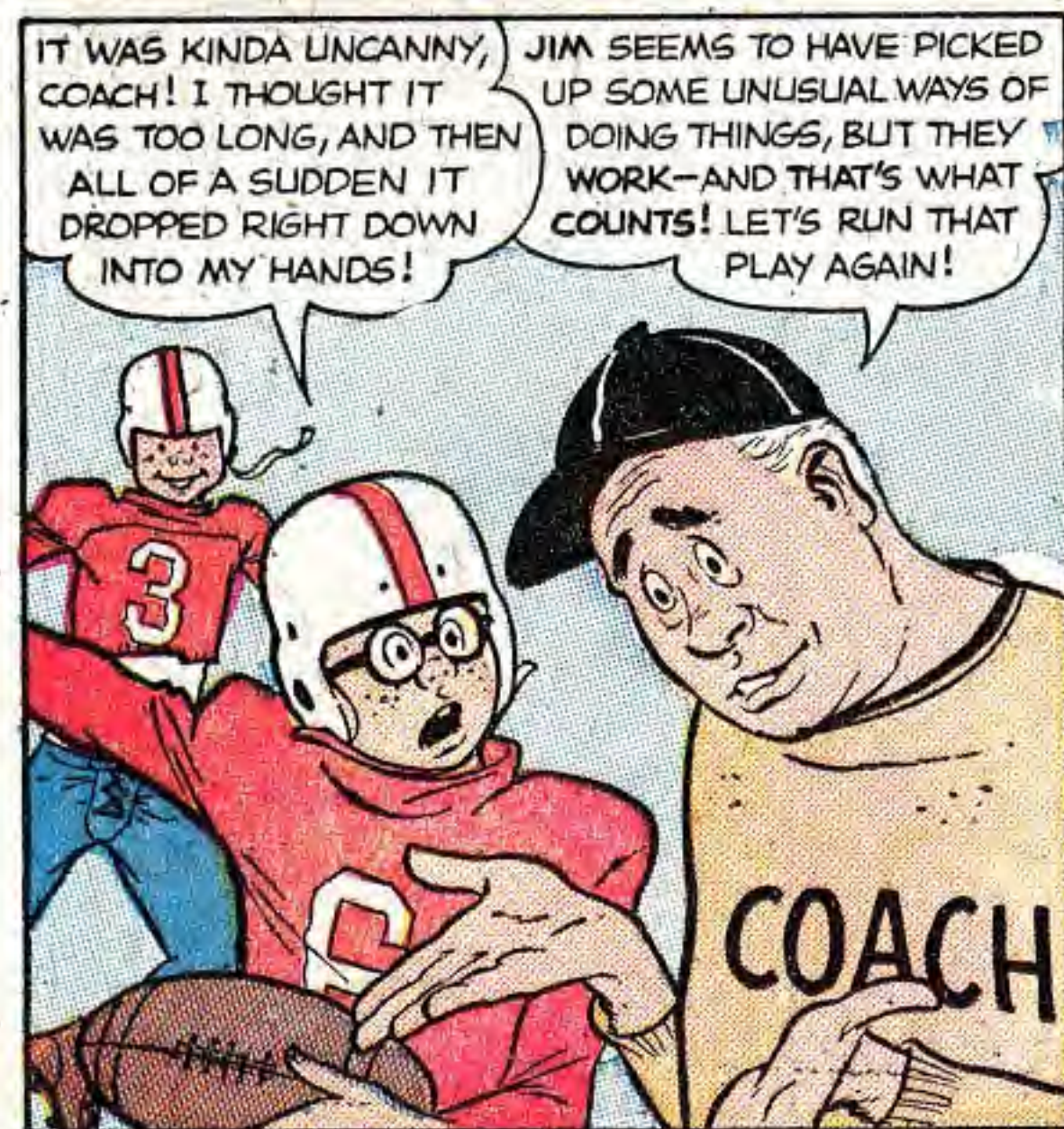
OH! IT SLIPPED OFF MY HAND! SHUCKS!

WHAT A BUM PASS! WAIT! LOOK!



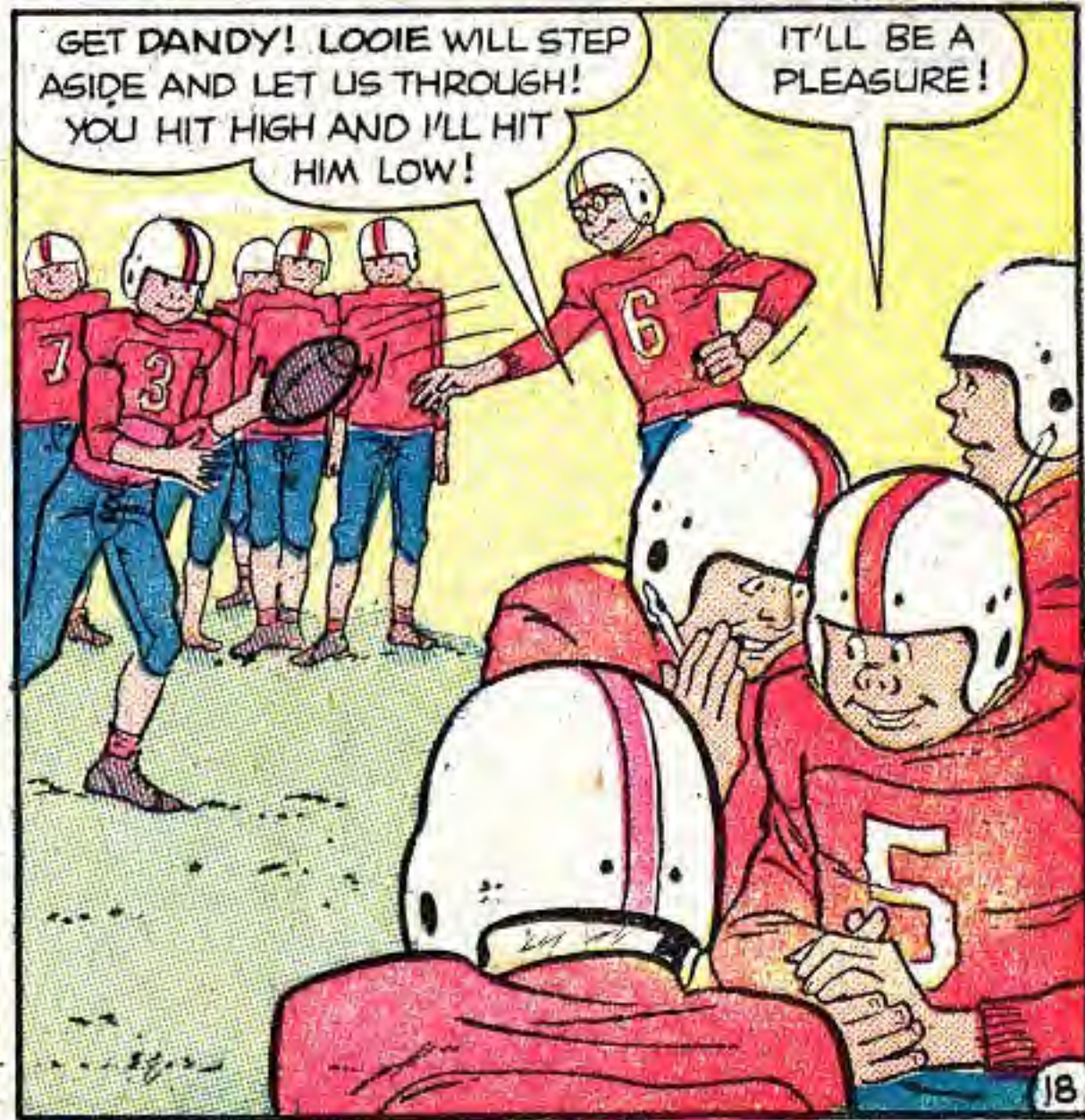
THAT STRANGELY SHAPED OBJECT IS HARDER TO CONTROL THAN I EXPECTED!

WELL, I'LL BE...THAT BALL CAME AT ME LIKE IT HAD EYES!



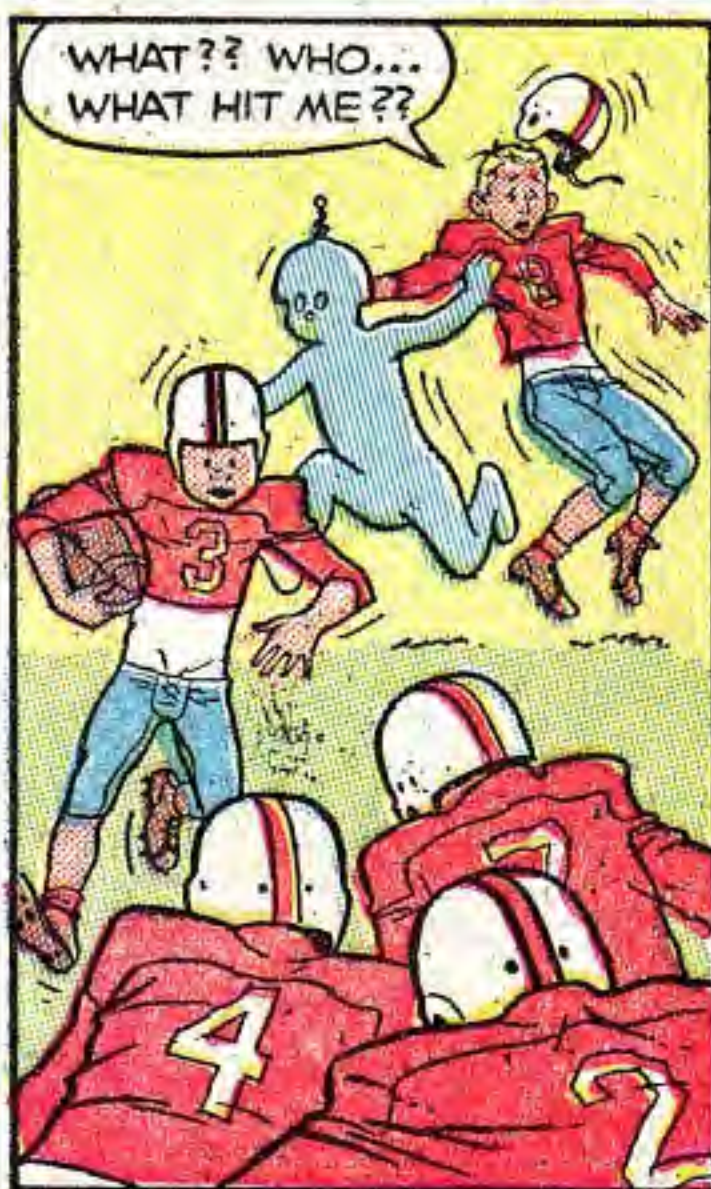
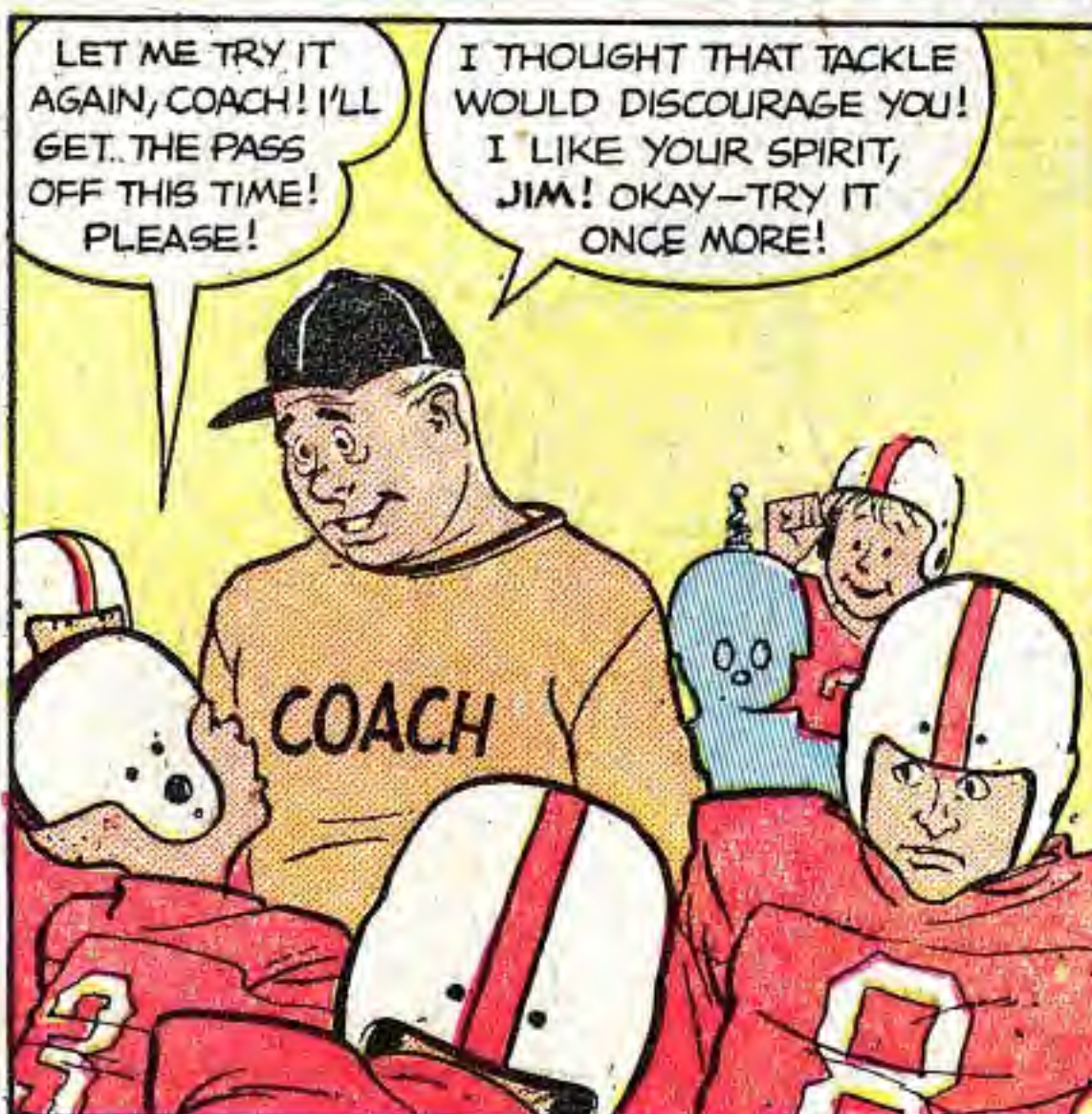
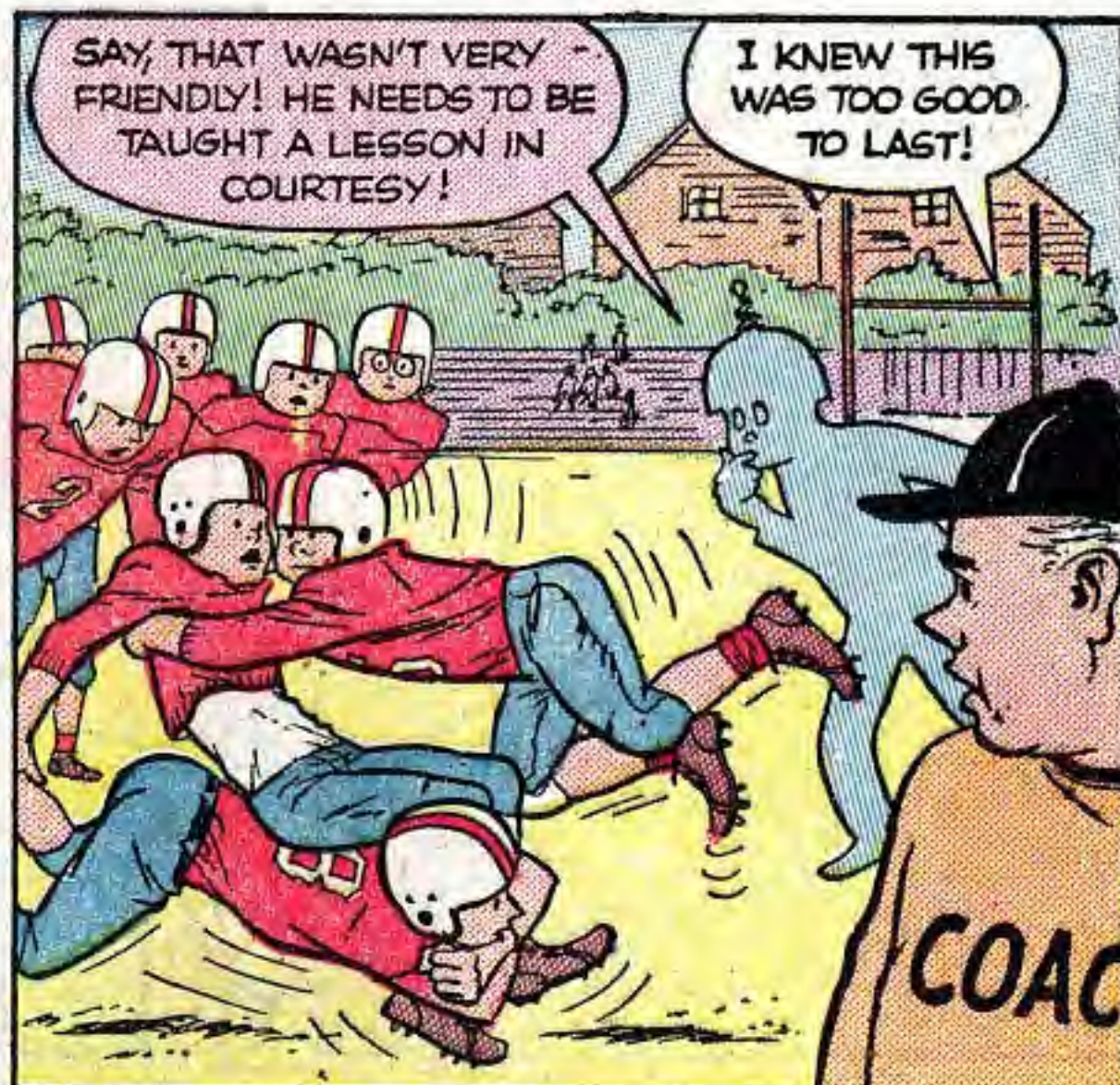
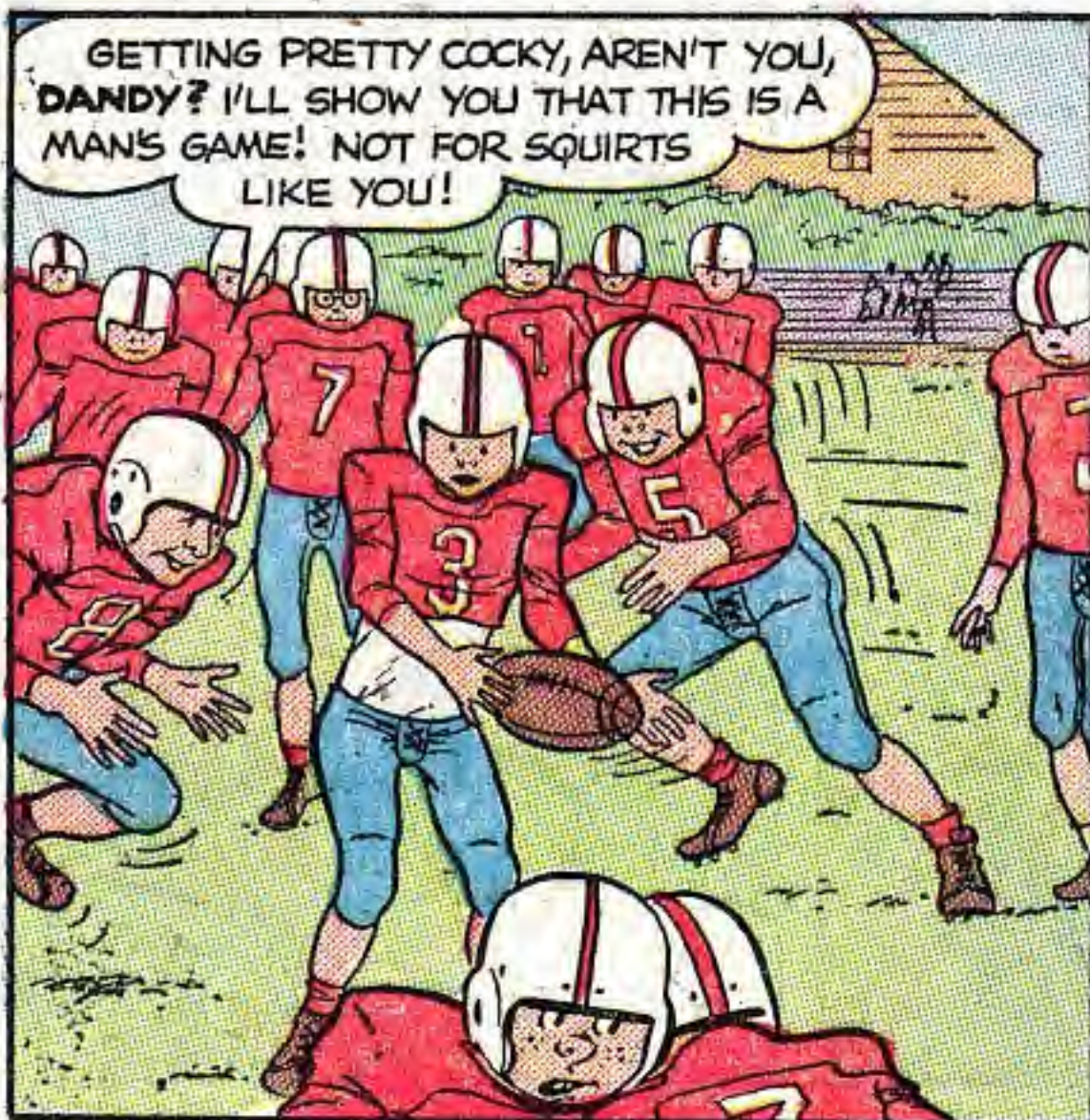
IT WAS KINDA UNCANNY, COACH! I THOUGHT IT WAS TOO LONG, AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN IT DROPPED RIGHT DOWN INTO MY HANDS!

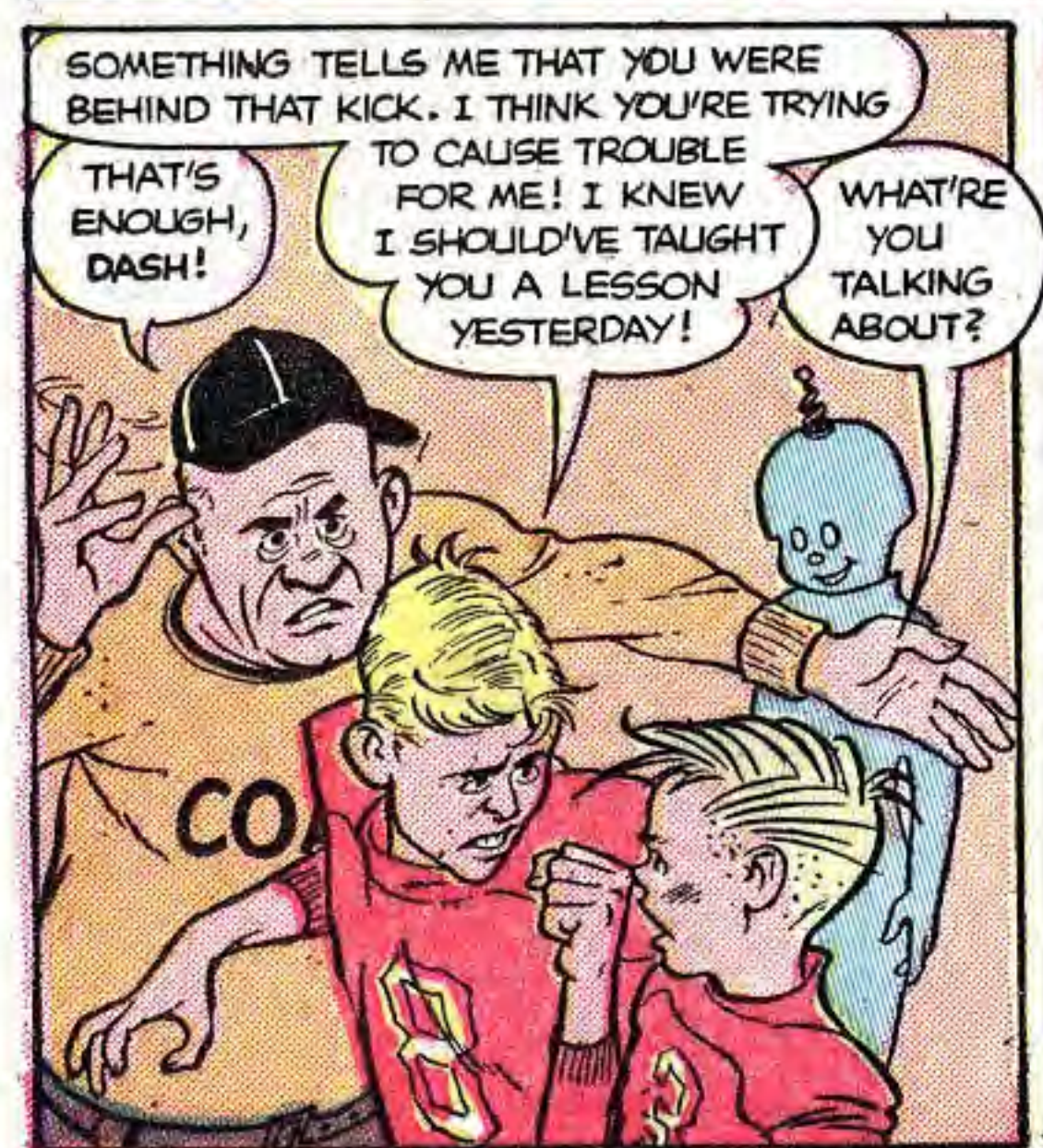
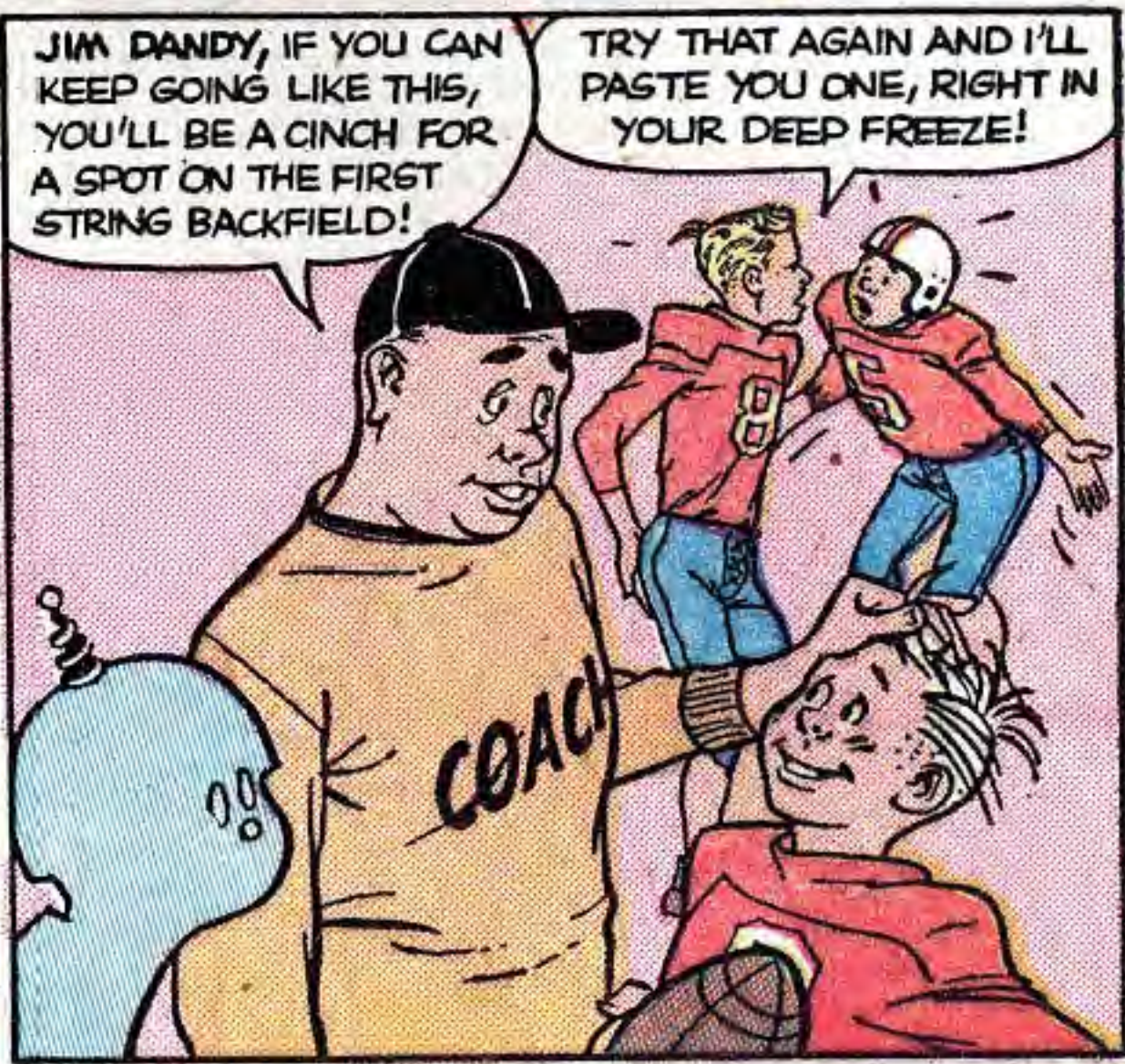
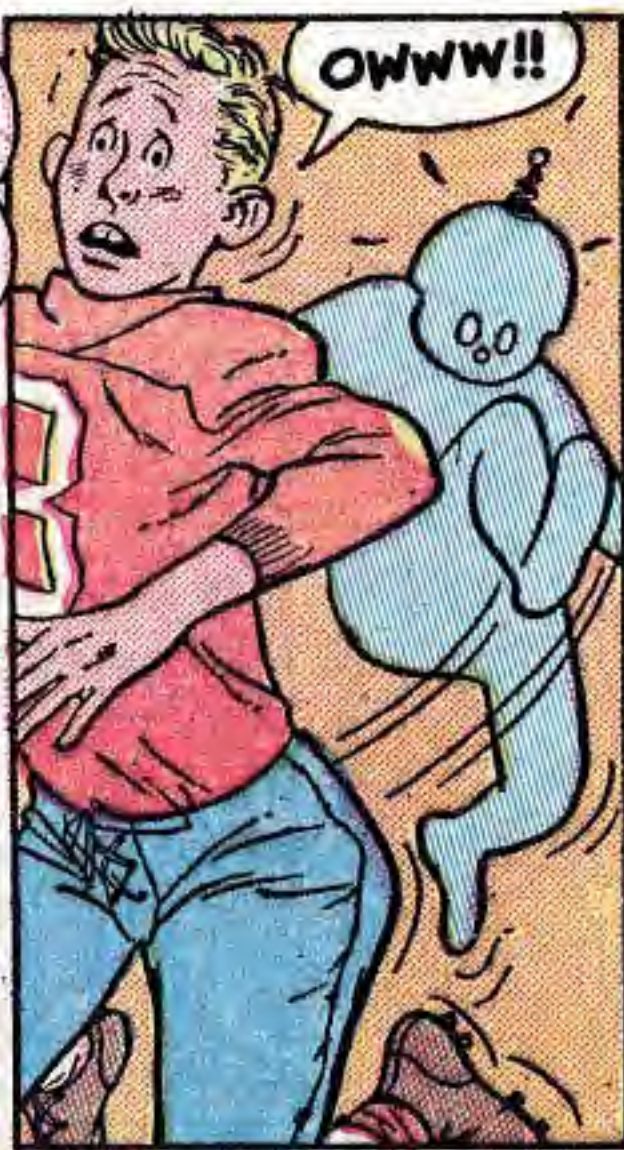
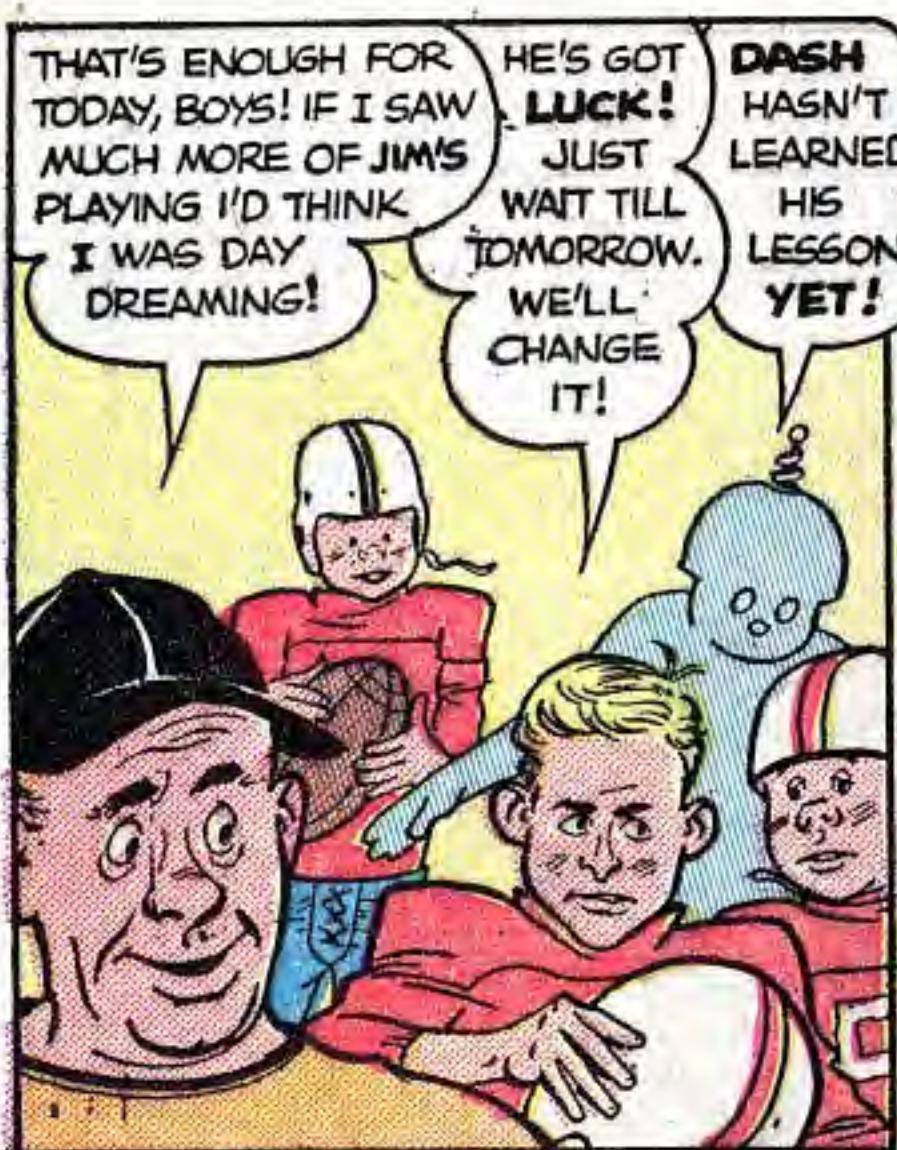
JIM SEEMS TO HAVE PICKED UP SOME UNUSUAL WAYS OF DOING THINGS, BUT THEY WORK—AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! LET'S RUN THAT PLAY AGAIN!

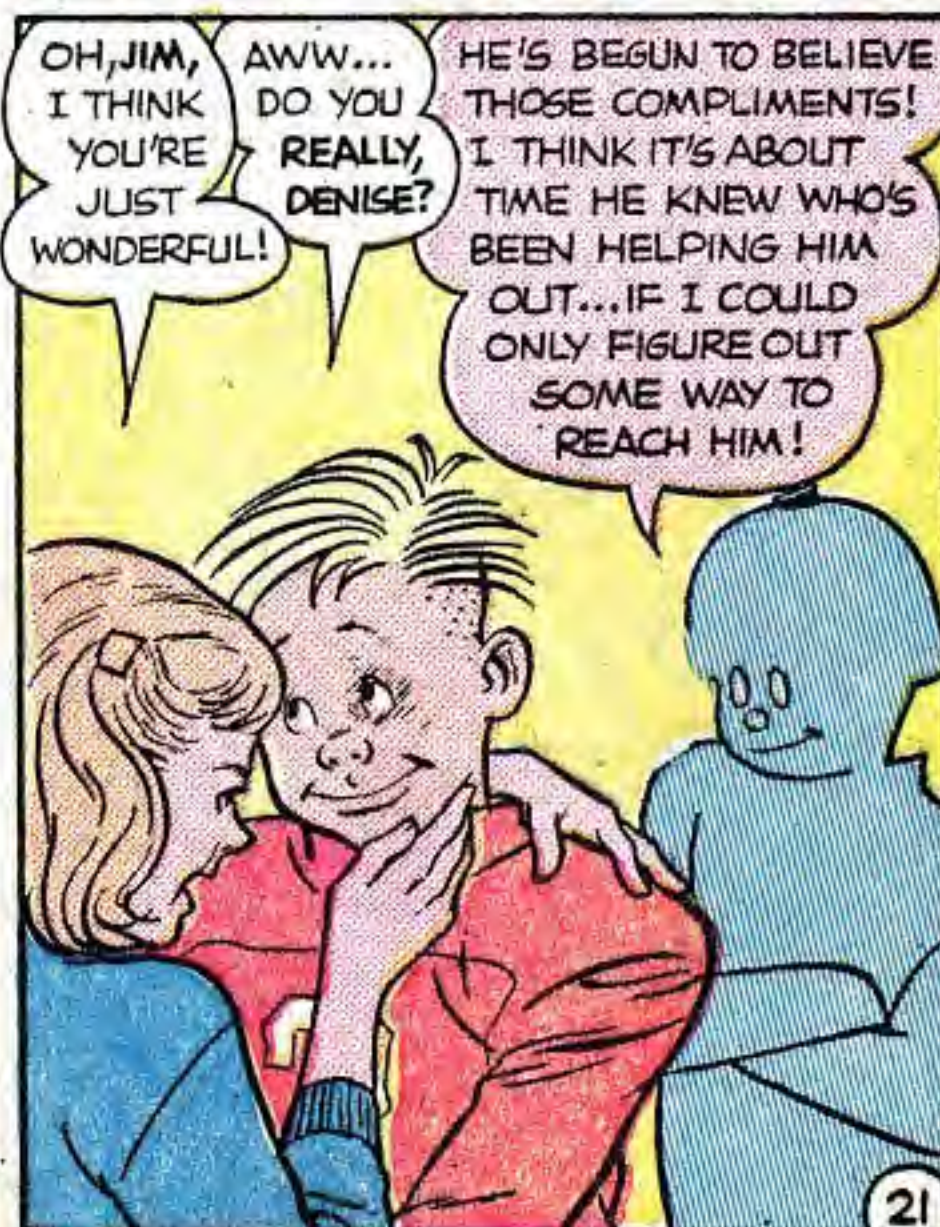
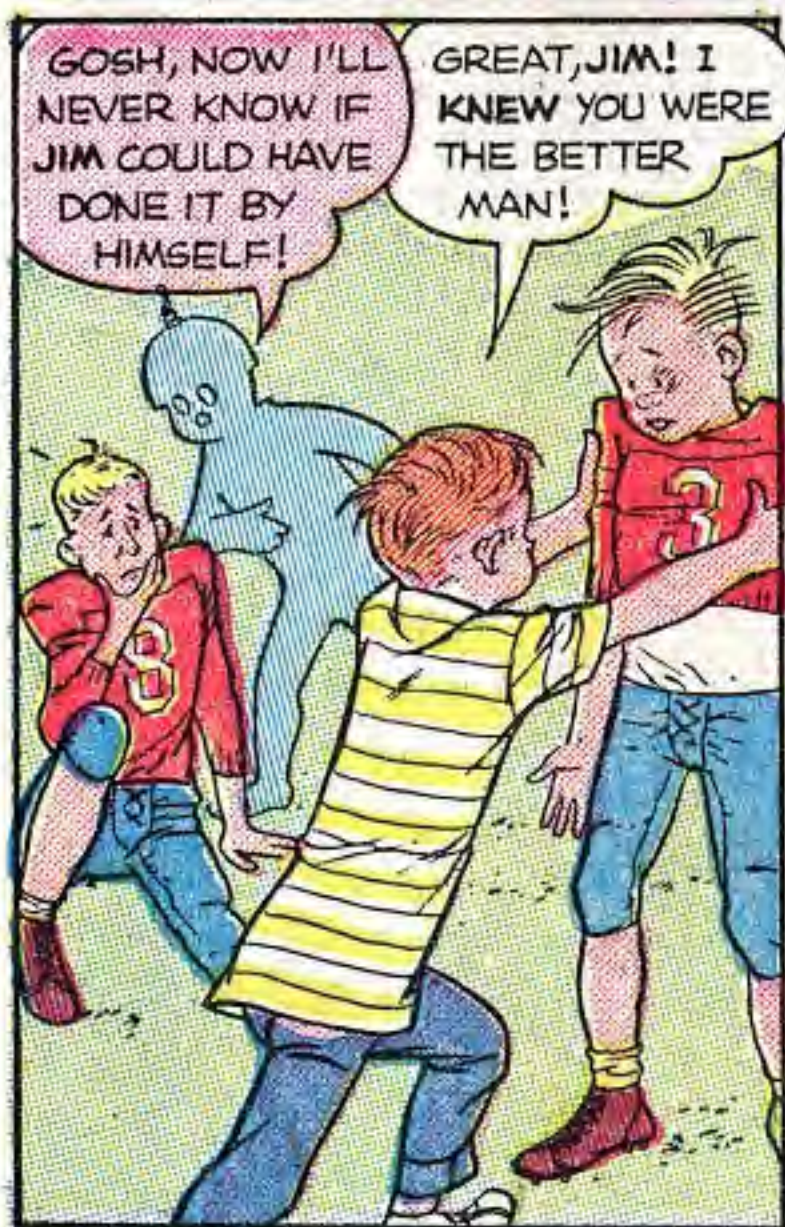
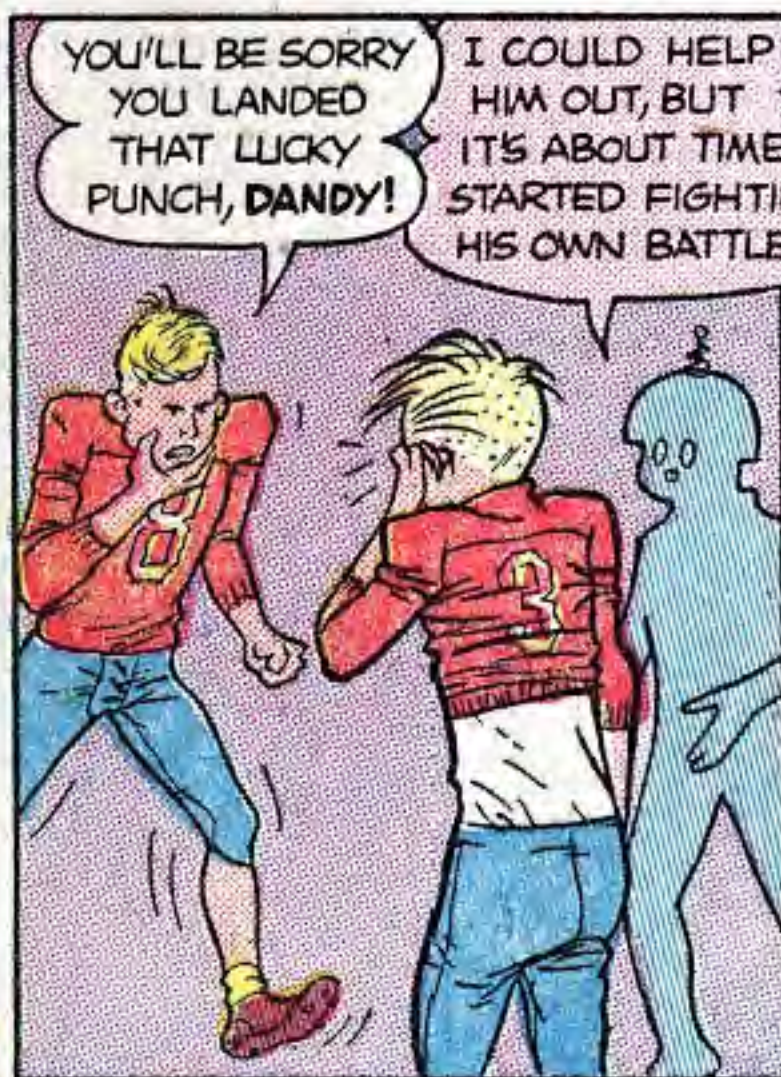
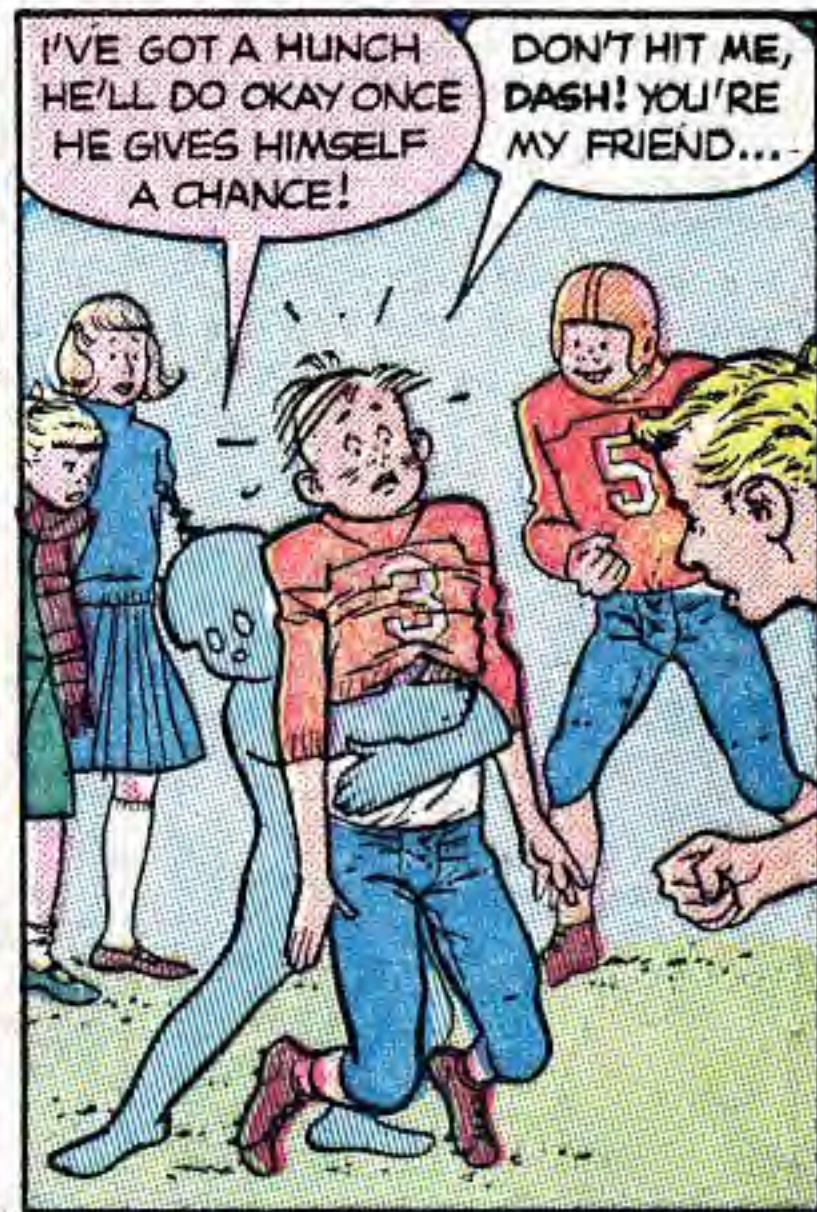
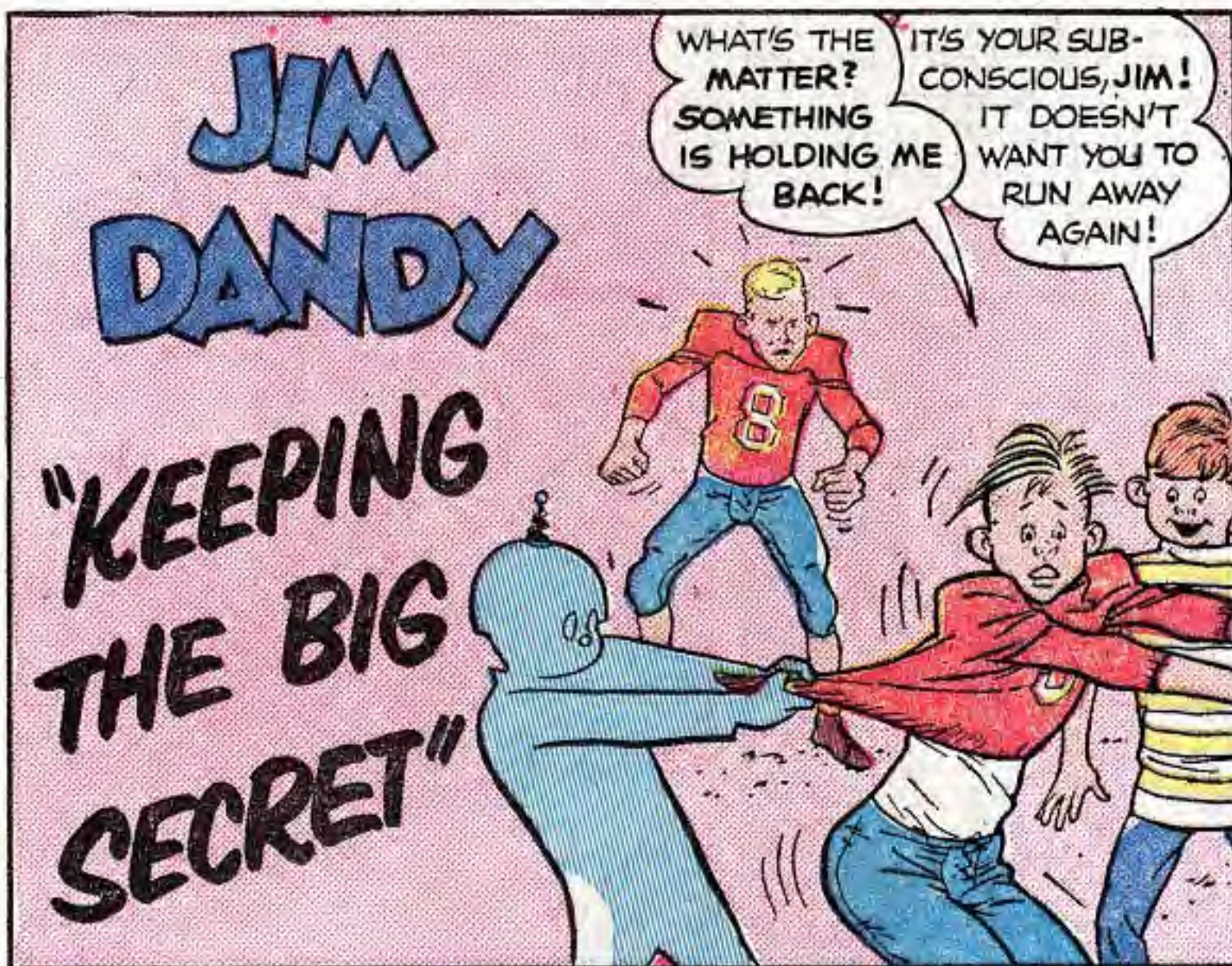


GET DANDY! LOOIE WILL STEP ASIDE AND LET US THROUGH! YOU HIT HIGH AND I'LL HIT HIM LOW!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!









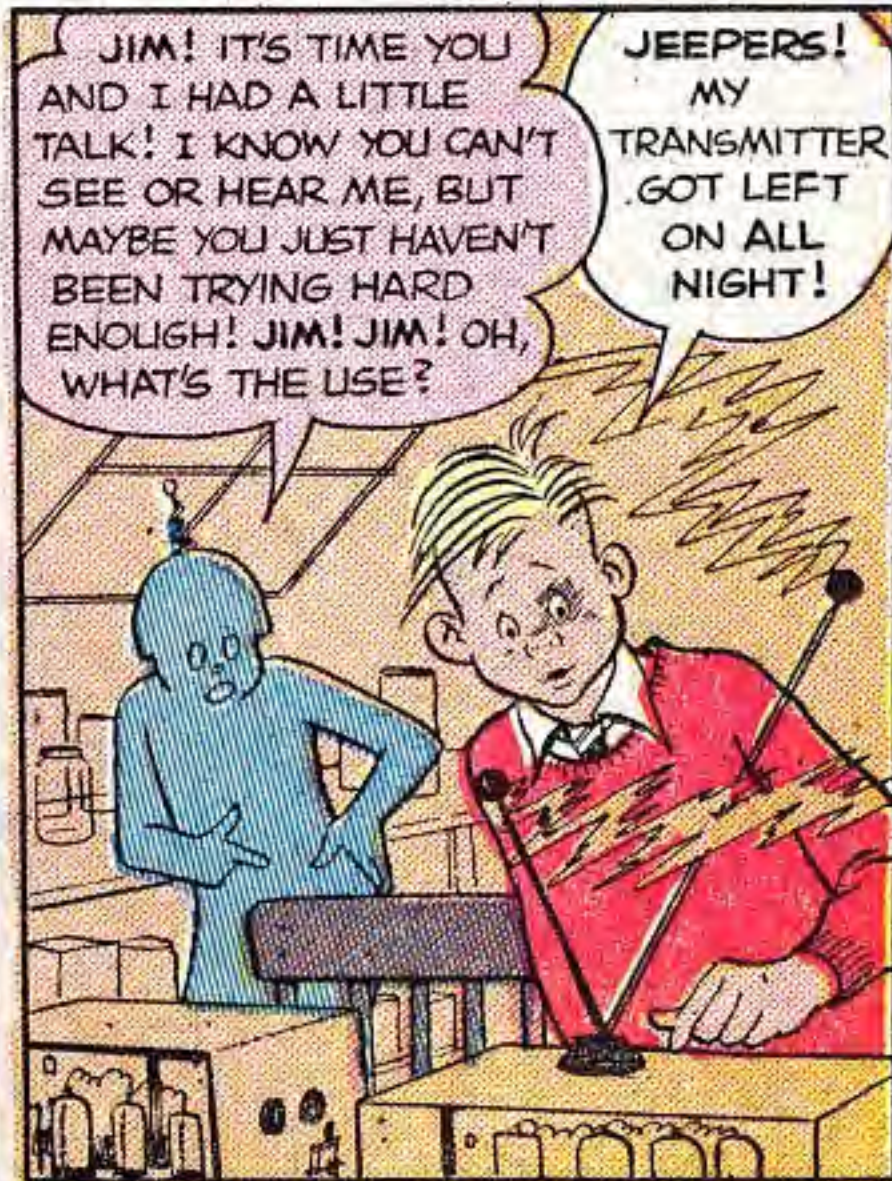
HI, DAD!
I MADE
THE
FOOTBALL
SQUAD!

FINE, JIM, FINE!
IT MUST HAVE
BEEN A ROUGH
GAME! I'M
REALLY PROUD
OF YOU, BOY!



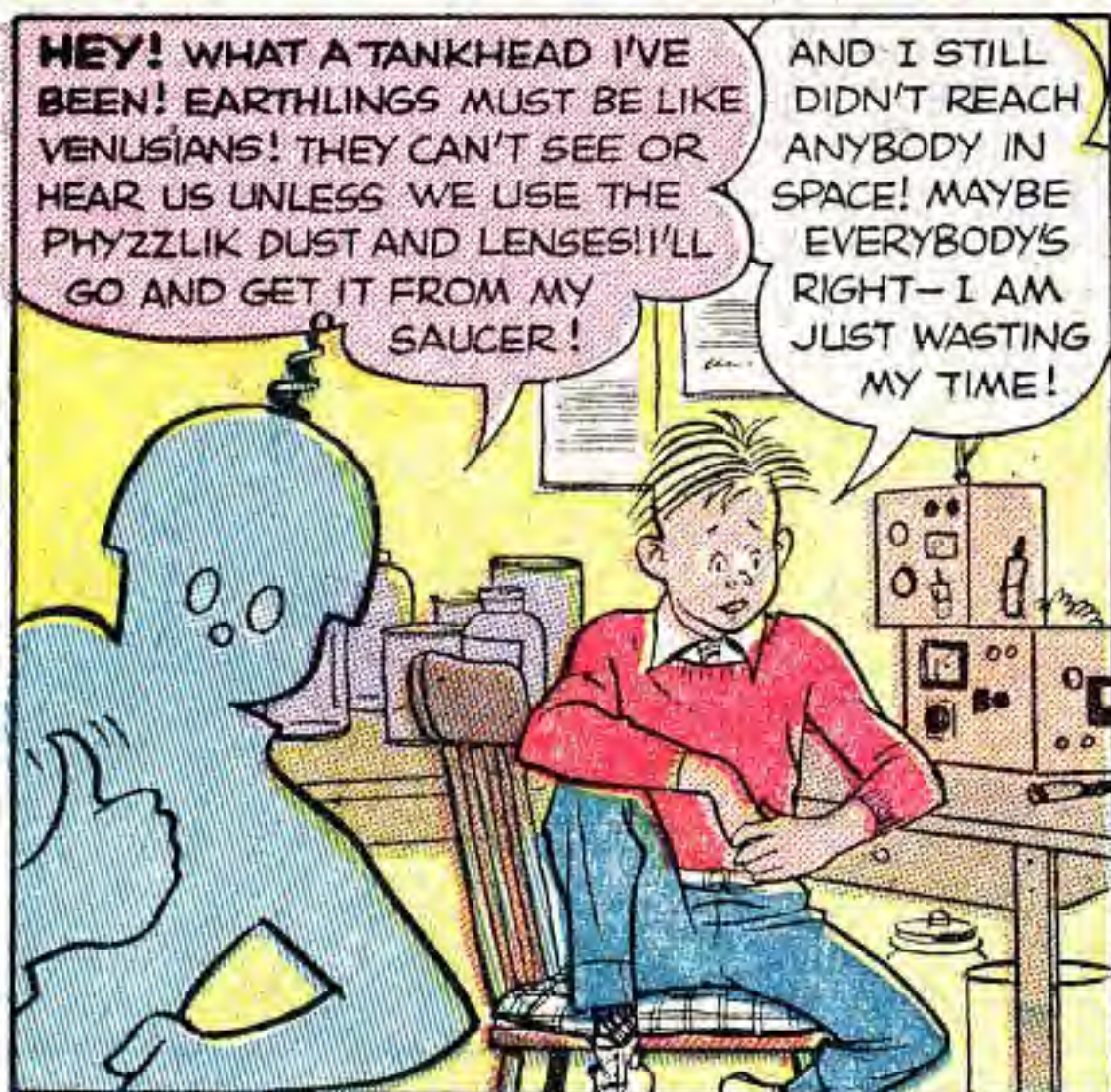
OH, YOU MEAN
THIS EYE! I
KNOCKED DASH
DOWN A COUPLE
OF TIMES, AND
HE **QUIT!**
WE HAD A
FIGHT!

YOU DID? WELL,
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW! I HOPE YOU
DIDN'T **START** IT!
BY THE WAY, I'VE
CHANGED MY MIND
ABOUT YOUR TINKER-
ING IN THE
CELLAR!



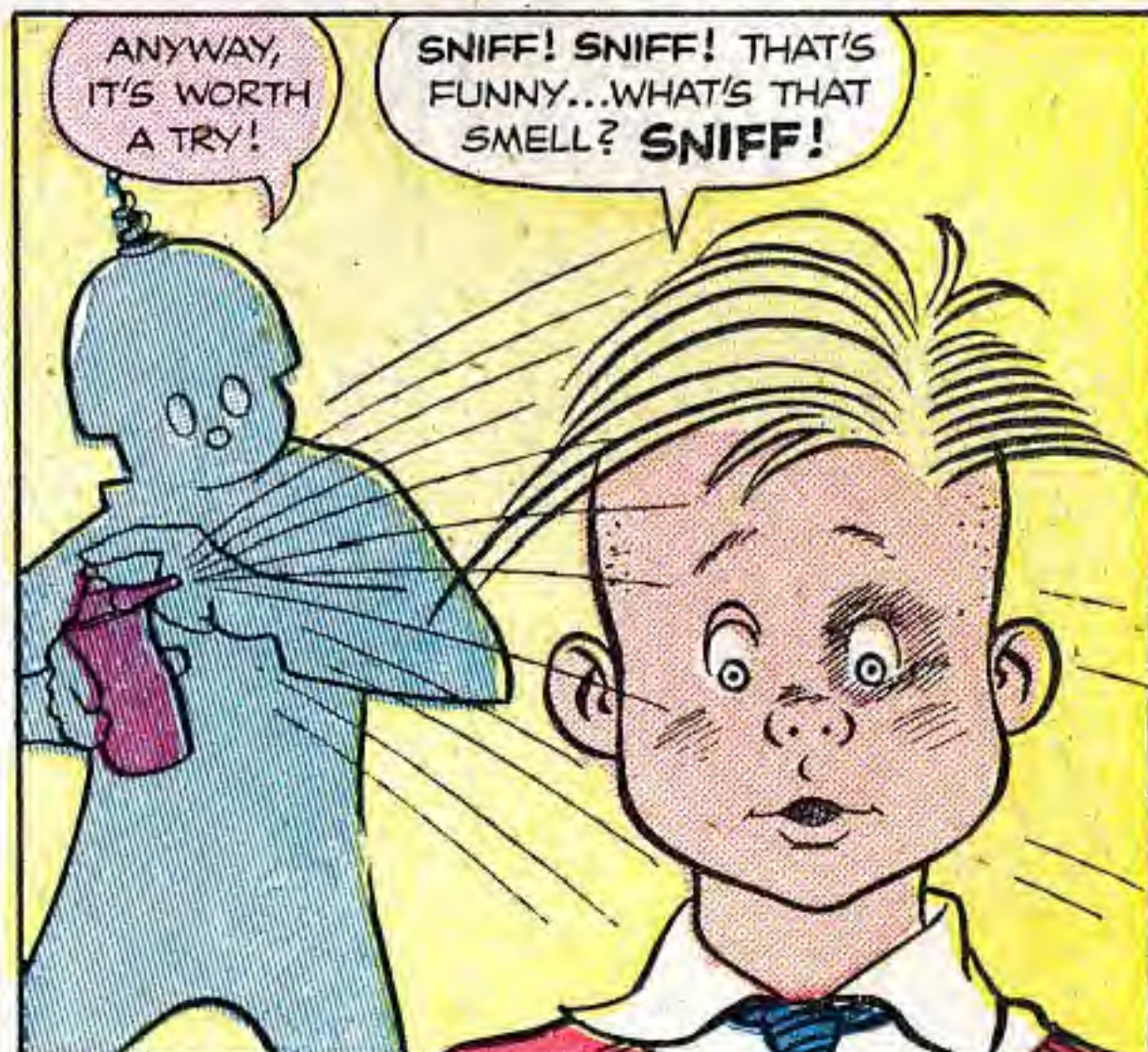
JIM! IT'S TIME YOU
AND I HAD A LITTLE
TALK! I KNOW YOU CAN'T
SEE OR HEAR ME, BUT
MAYBE YOU JUST HAVEN'T
BEEN TRYING HARD
ENOUGH! JIM! JIM! OH,
WHAT'S THE USE?

JEEPERS!
MY
TRANSMITTER
GOT LEFT
ON ALL
NIGHT!



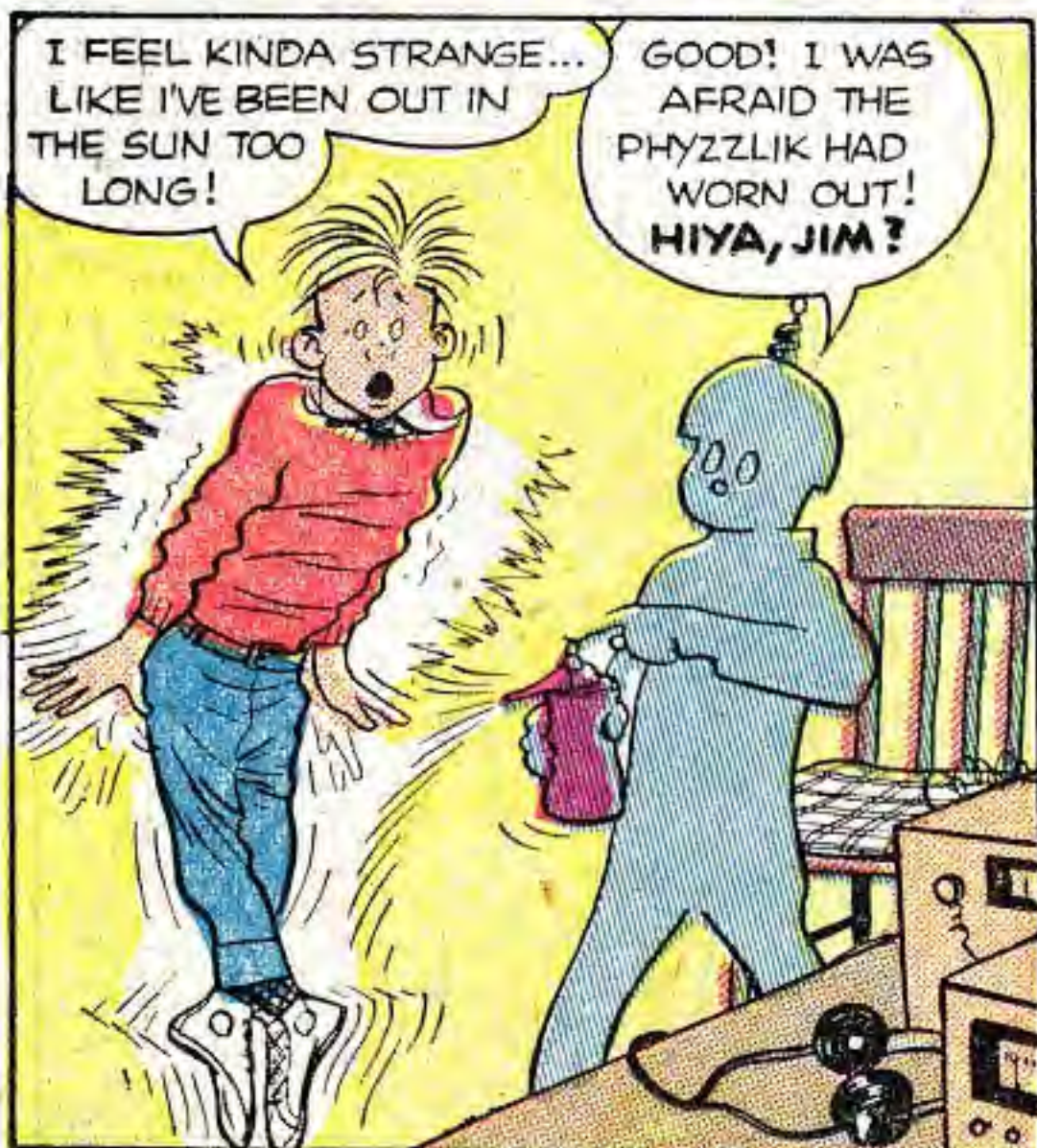
HEY! WHAT A **TANKHEAD** I'VE
BEEN! **EARTHLINGS** MUST BE LIKE
VENUSIANS! THEY CAN'T SEE OR
HEAR US UNLESS WE USE THE
PHYZZLIK DUST AND **LENSES!** I'LL
GO AND GET IT FROM MY
SAUCER!

AND I STILL
DIDN'T REACH
ANYBODY IN
SPACE! MAYBE
EVERYBODY'S
RIGHT—I AM
JUST WASTING
MY TIME!



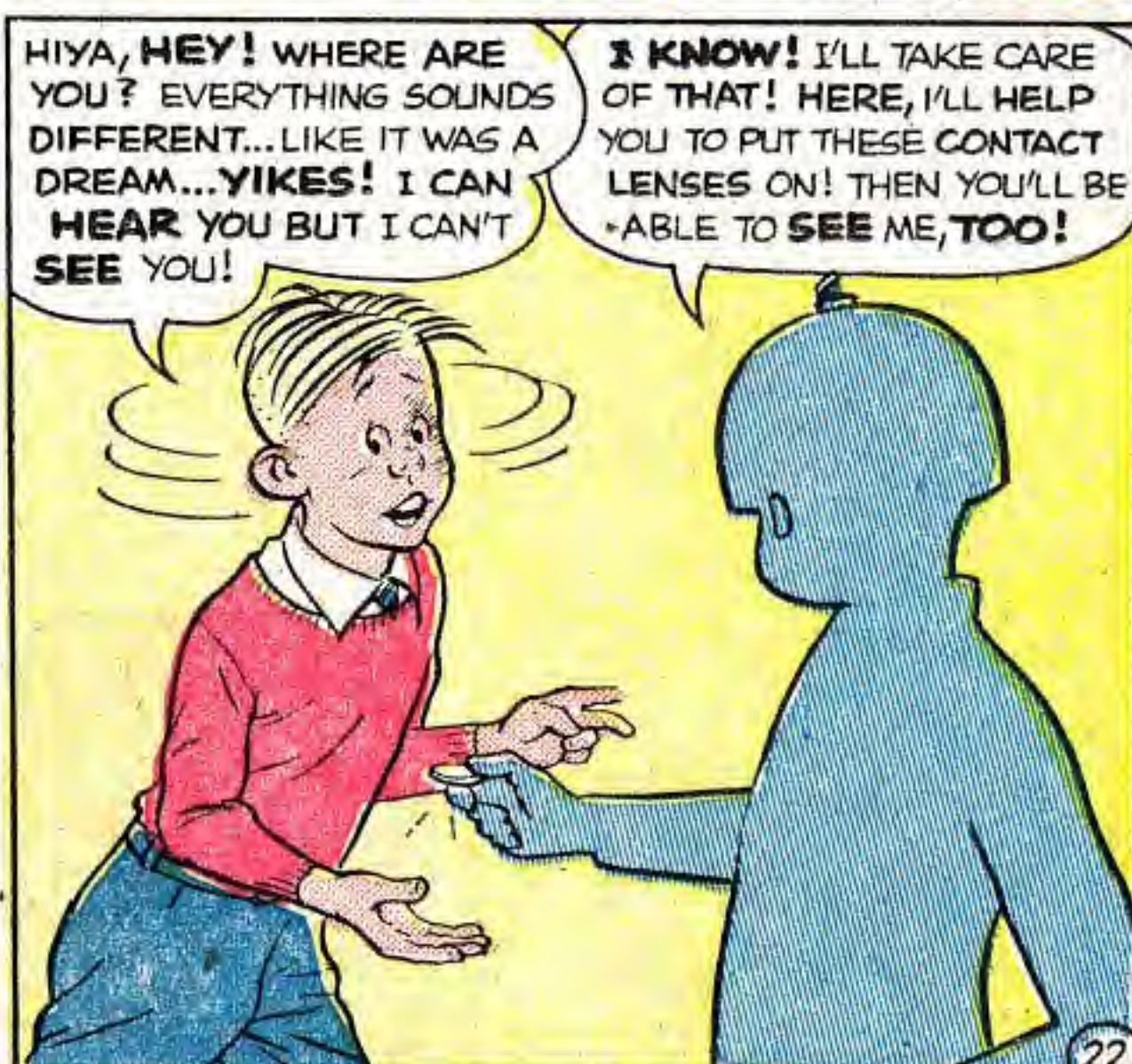
ANYWAY,
IT'S WORTH
A TRY!

SNIFF! SNIFF! THAT'S
FUNNY...WHAT'S THAT
SMELL? **SNIFF!**



I FEEL KINDA STRANGE...
LIKE I'VE BEEN OUT IN
THE SUN TOO
LONG!

GOOD! I WAS
AFRAID THE
PHYZZLIK HAD
WORN OUT!
HIYA, JIM?



HIYA, HEY! WHERE ARE
YOU? EVERYTHING SOUNDS
DIFFERENT...LIKE IT WAS A
DREAM...**YIKES!** I CAN
HEAR YOU BUT I CAN'T
SEE YOU!

I KNOW! I'LL TAKE CARE
OF THAT! HERE, I'LL HELP
YOU TO PUT THESE CONTACT
LENSES ON! THEN YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO **SEE** ME, TOO!



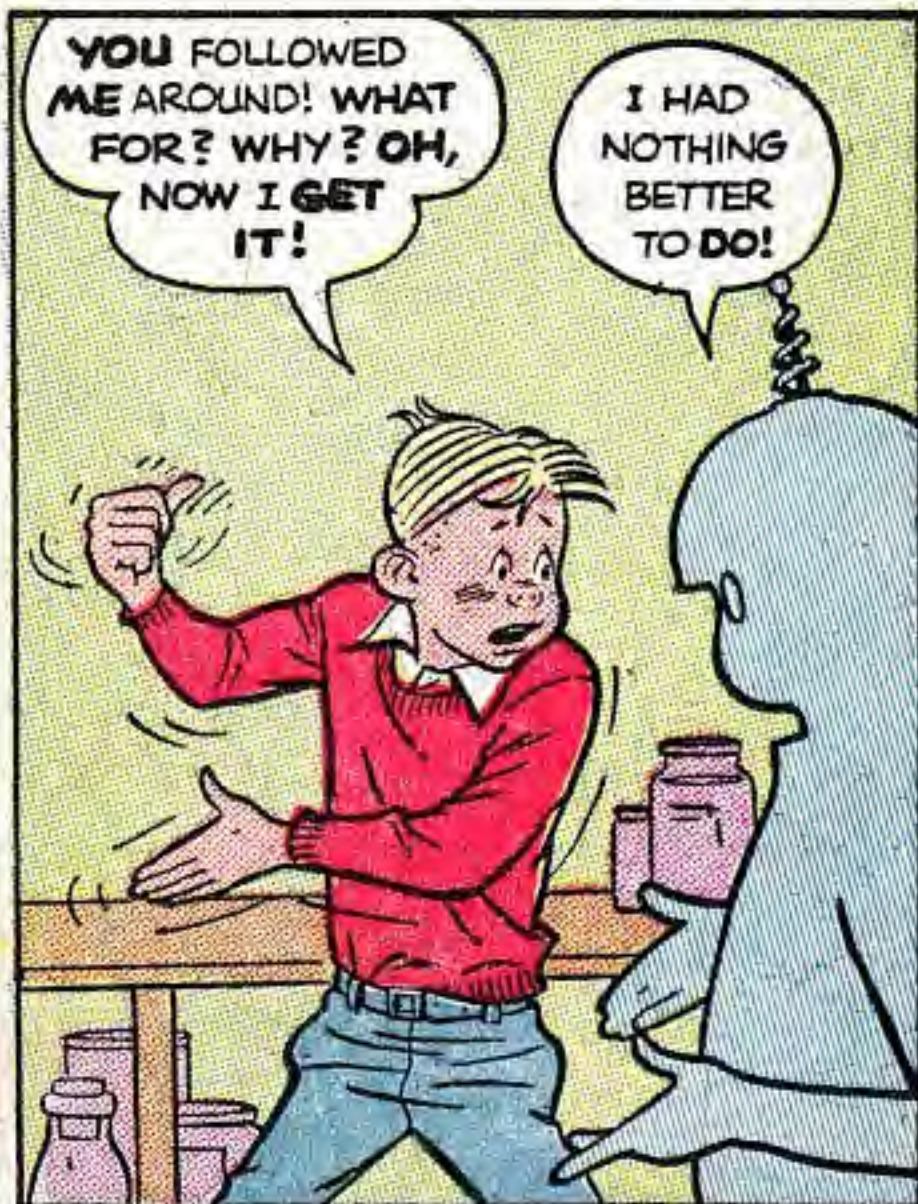
GOSH, YOU'RE ALL BLUE! HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

FROM THE PLANET ZIKALUG! I FOLLOWED YOUR RADIO BEAM FROM SPACE! BY THE WAY, WATCH OUT FOR MY SAUCER ON YOUR FRONT WALK! BOTH YOU AND YOUR FATHER FELL OVER IT TODAY!



OH, YEAH? IF YOU'RE AN HONEST-TO-GOODNESS SPACE MAN, HOW COME YOU BREATHE OUR AIR?

THE ATMOSPHERE OF OUR PLANETS MUST BE VERY SIMILAR! I SPENT ALL DAY FOLLOWING YOU AROUND!



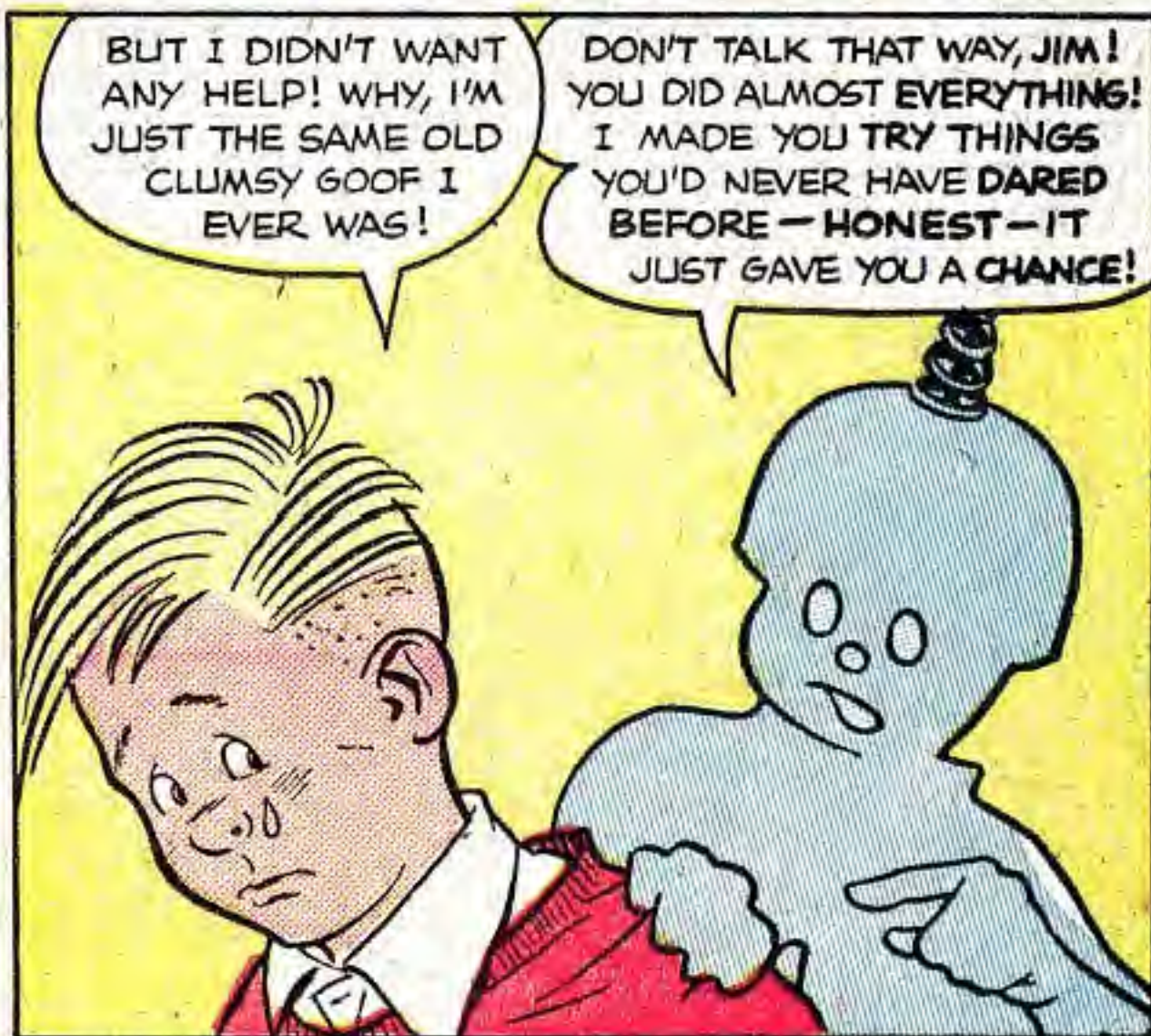
YOU FOLLOWED ME AROUND! WHAT FOR? WHY? OH, NOW I GET IT!

I HAD NOTHING BETTER TO DO!



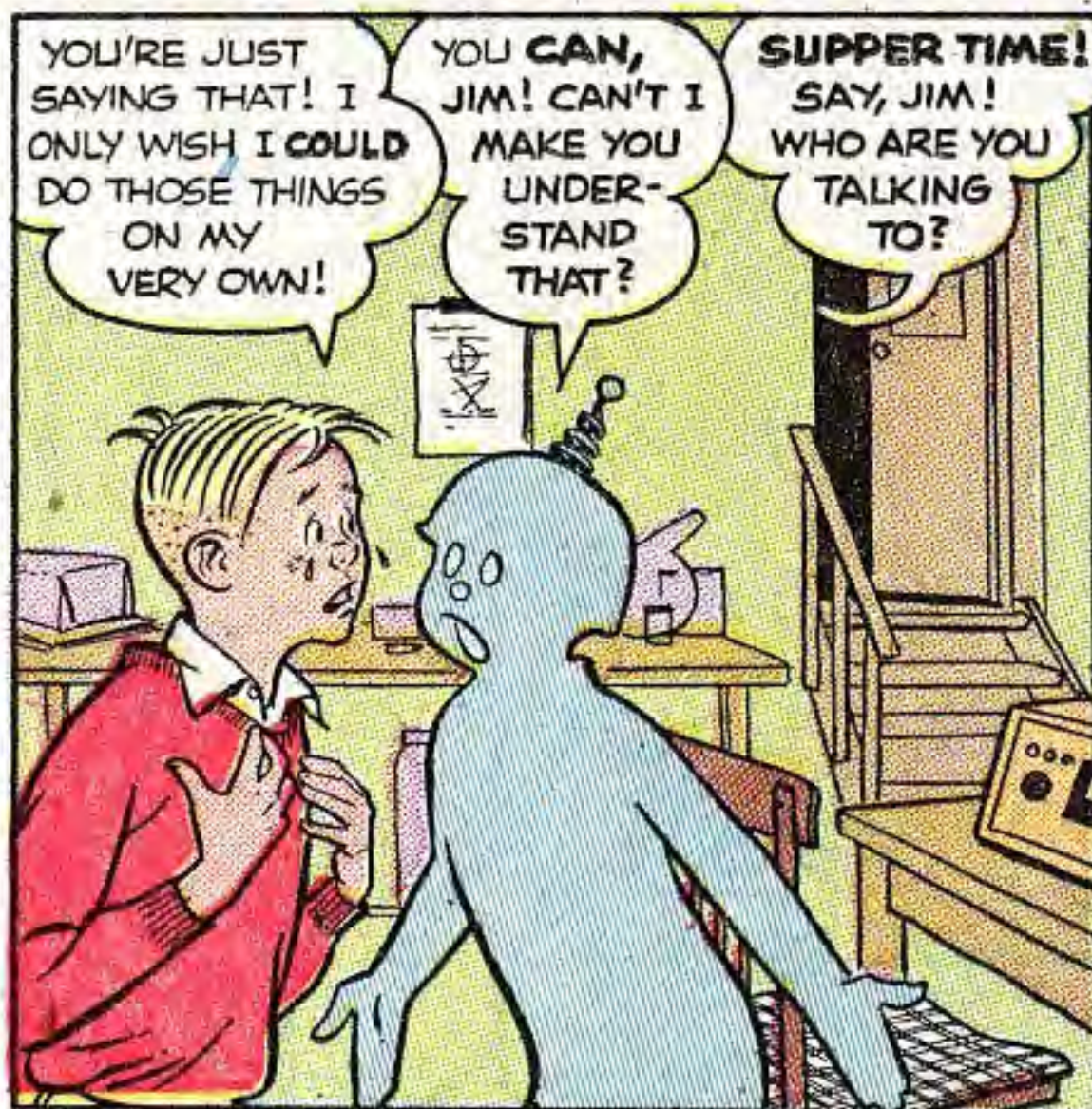
THEN IT WAS YOU WHO MADE THOSE KICKS...AND THOSE PASSES AND KNOCKED THE TACKLERS DOWN SO I'D MAKE THAT LONG RUN! I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING AT ALL!

EASY, THERE, LAD! YOU DID A LOT YOURSELF! I JUST GAVE YOU A LITTLE PUSH AND A CHANCE TO PROVE YOURSELF!



BUT I DIDN'T WANT ANY HELP! WHY, I'M JUST THE SAME OLD CLUMSY GOOF I EVER WAS!

DON'T TALK THAT WAY, JIM! YOU DID ALMOST EVERYTHING! I MADE YOU TRY THINGS YOU'D NEVER HAVE DARED BEFORE - HONEST - IT JUST GAVE YOU A CHANCE!



YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT! I ONLY WISH I COULD DO THOSE THINGS ON MY VERY OWN!

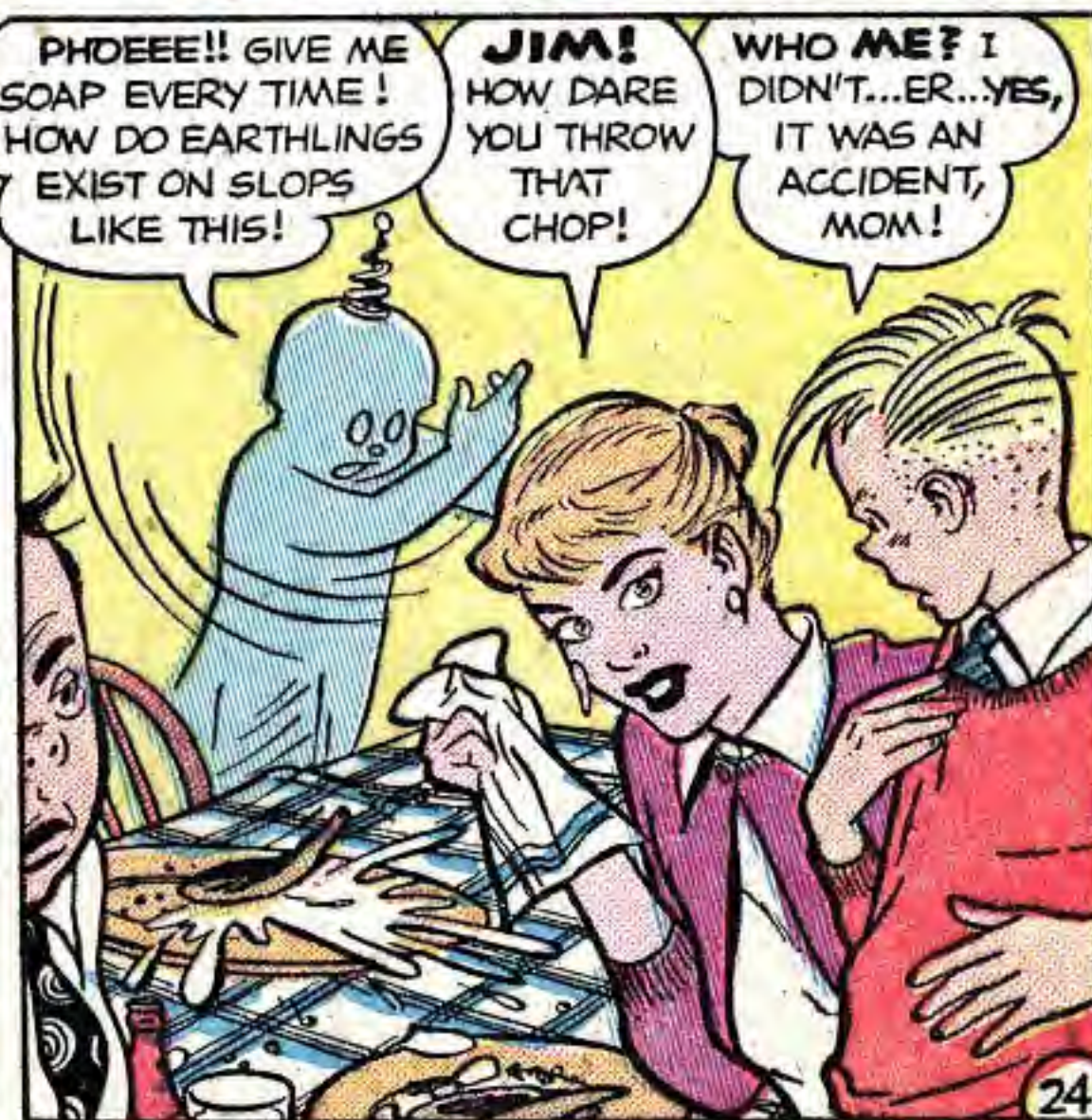
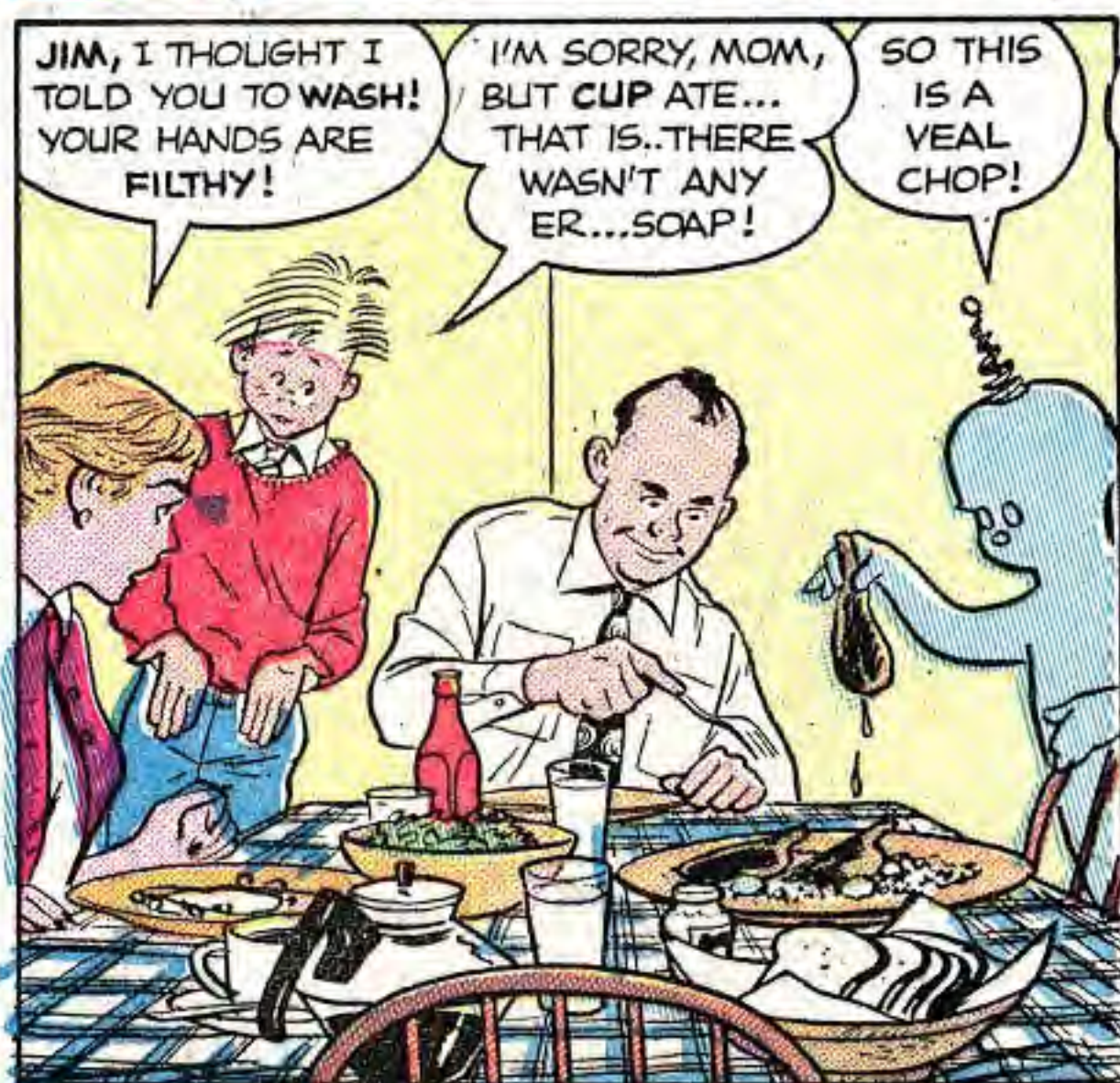
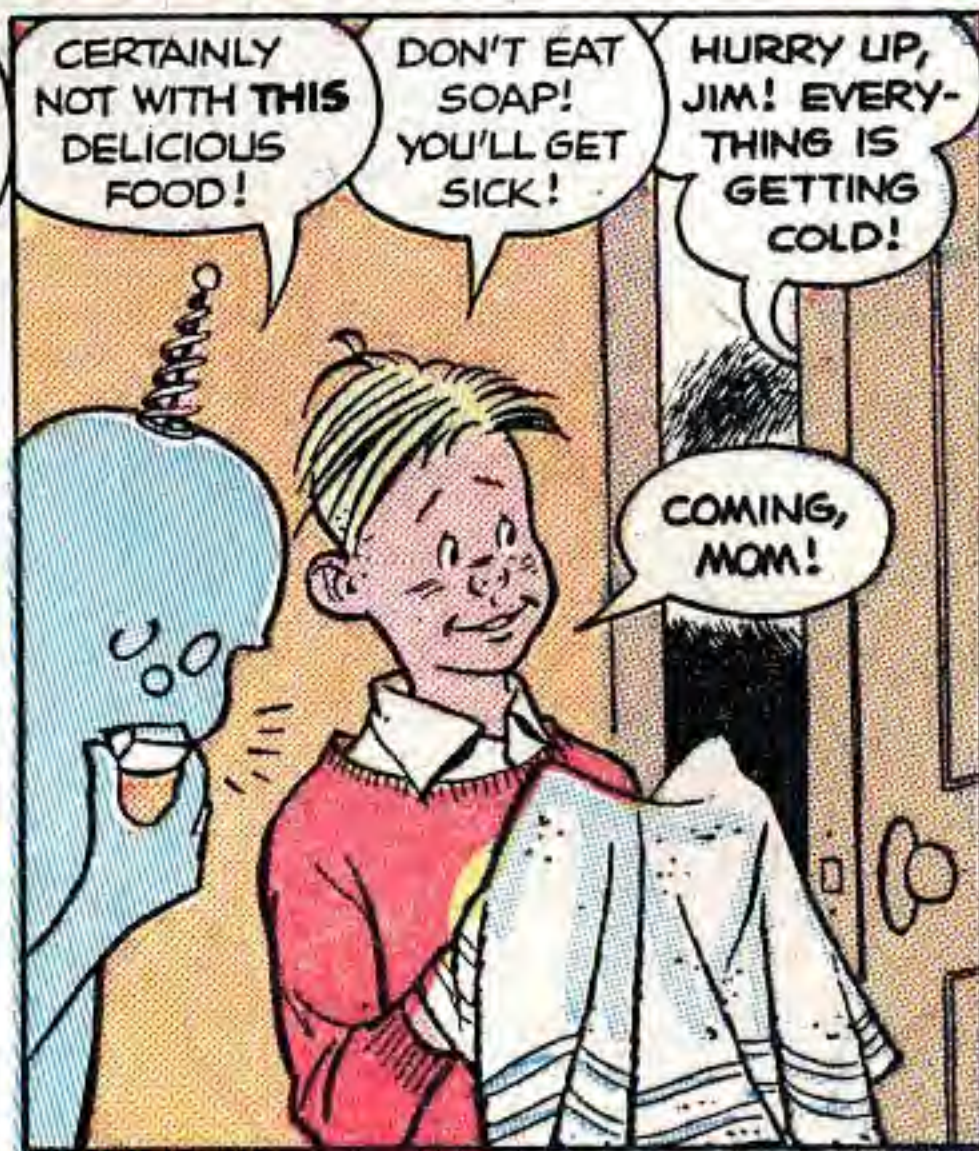
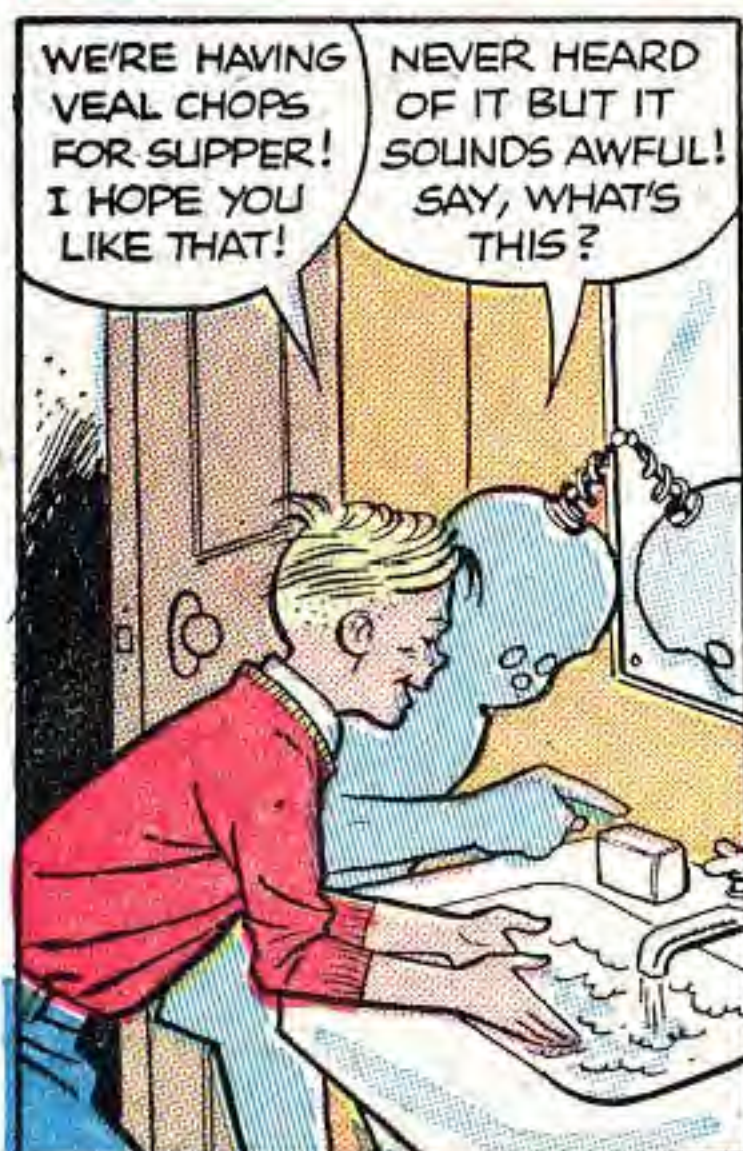
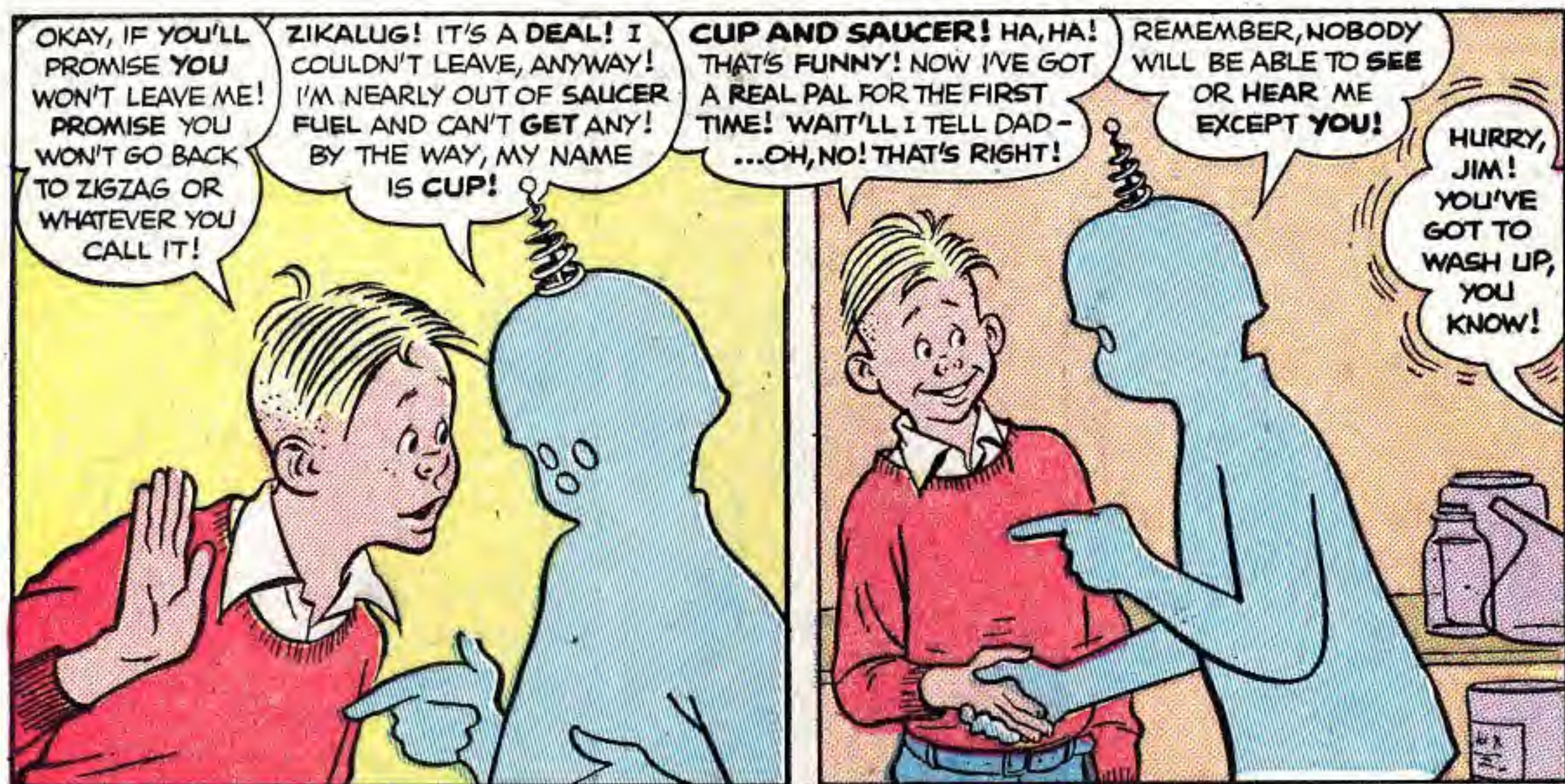
YOU CAN, JIM! CAN'T I MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

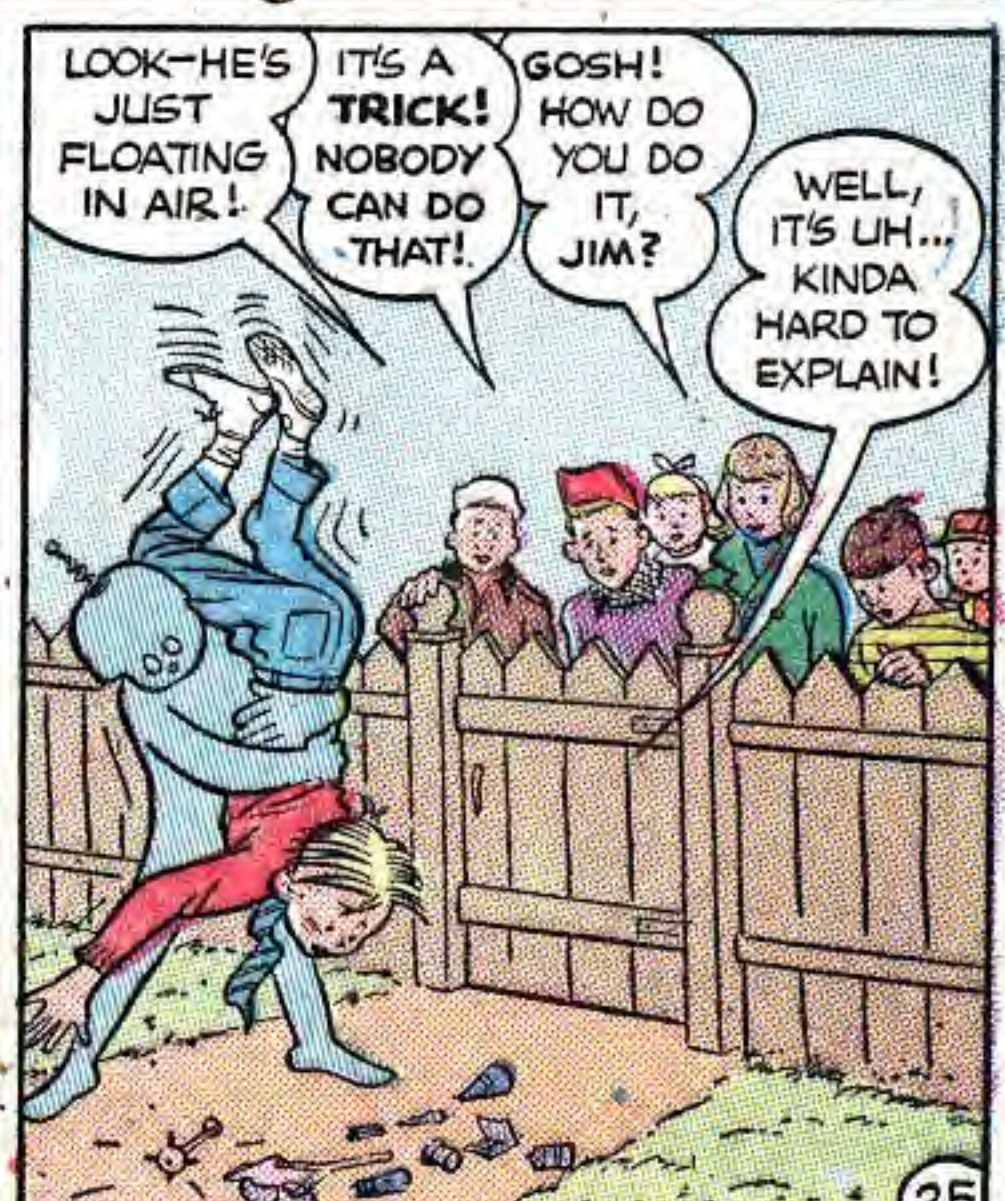
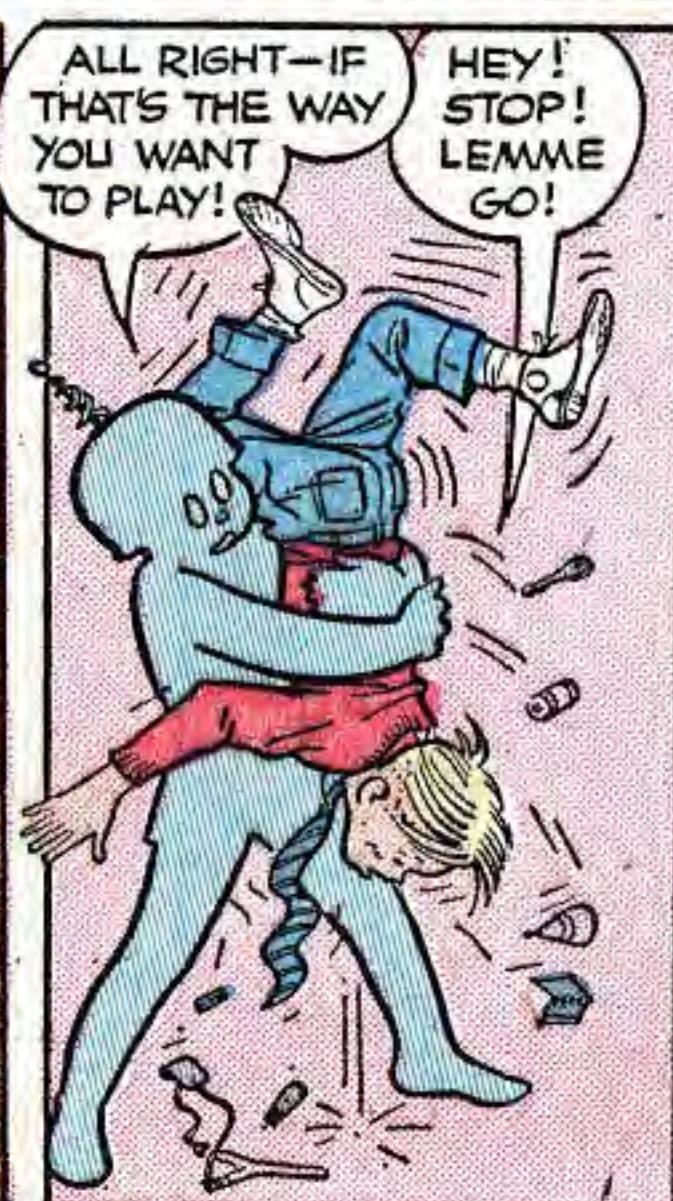
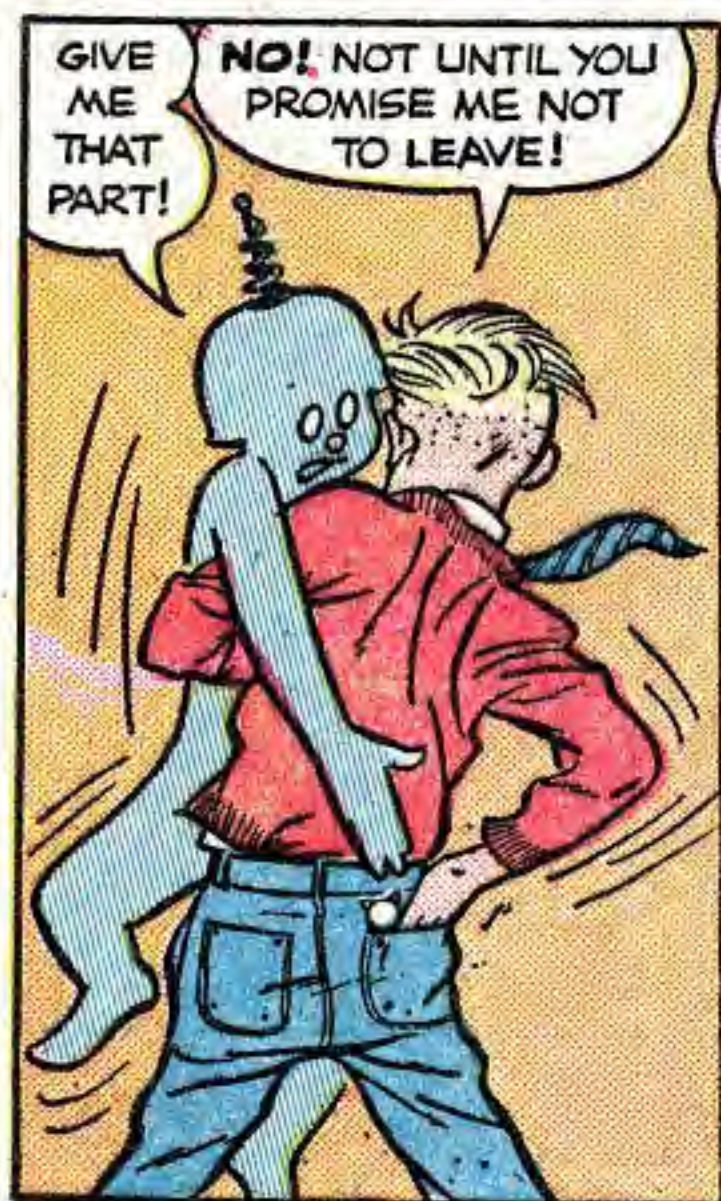
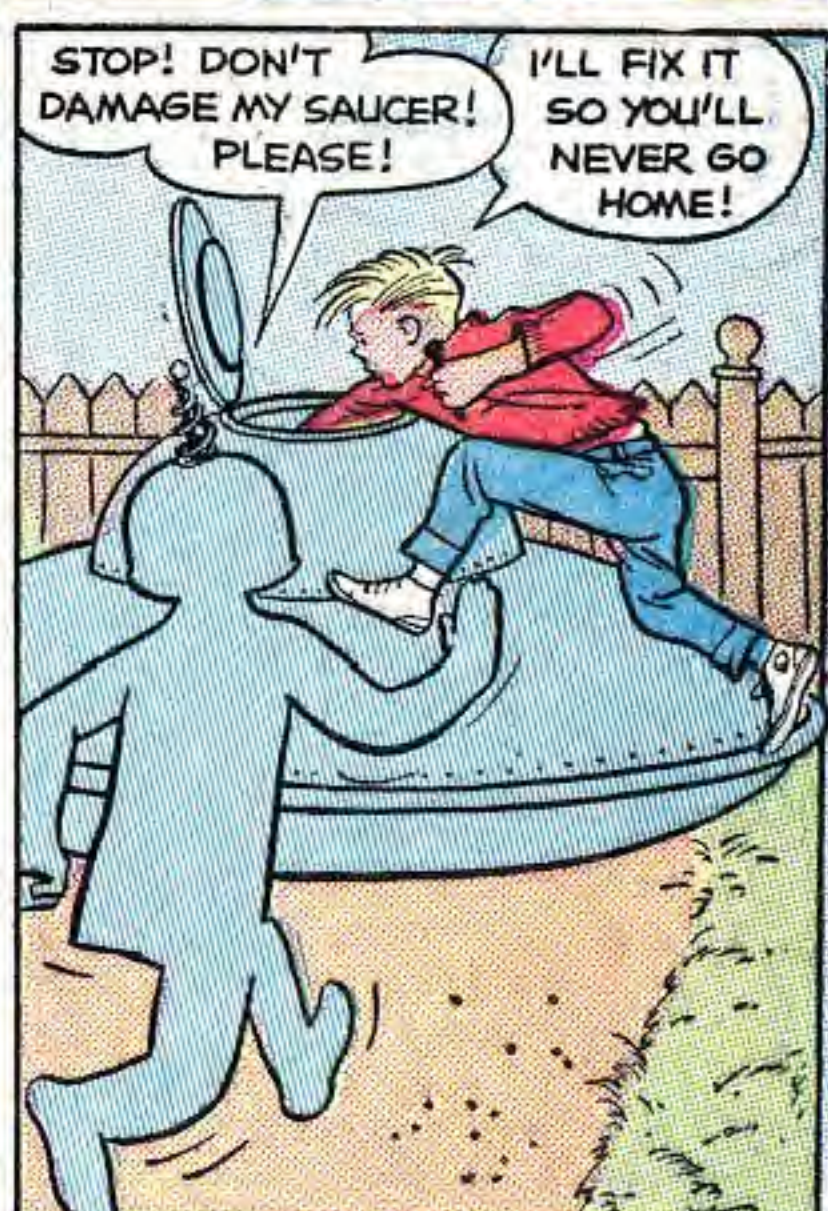
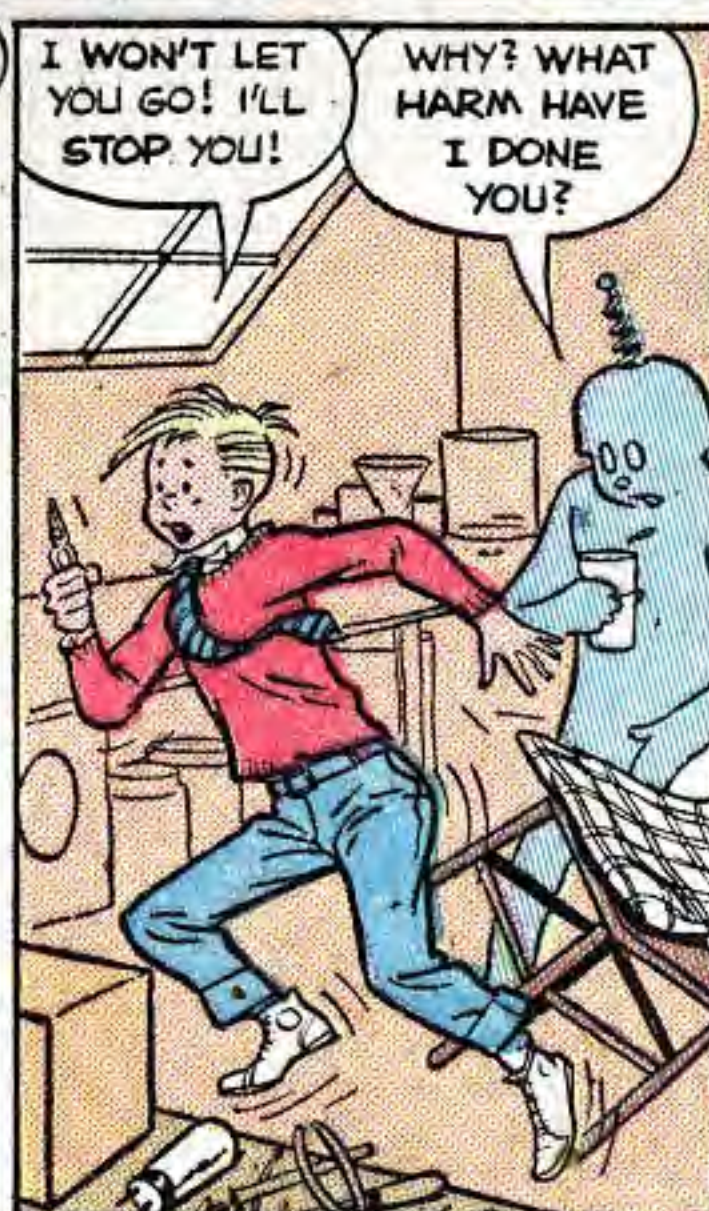
SUPPER TIME! SAY, JIM! WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?



DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME! WE'VE HEARD HOW EARTH MEN CAGE CREATURES UNLIKE THEMSELVES! I TRUST YOU, BUT I DON'T WANT ANYBODY ELSE TO KNOW I'M HERE!

UH... NOBODY, POP! JUST ER... TALKING TO SPACE!







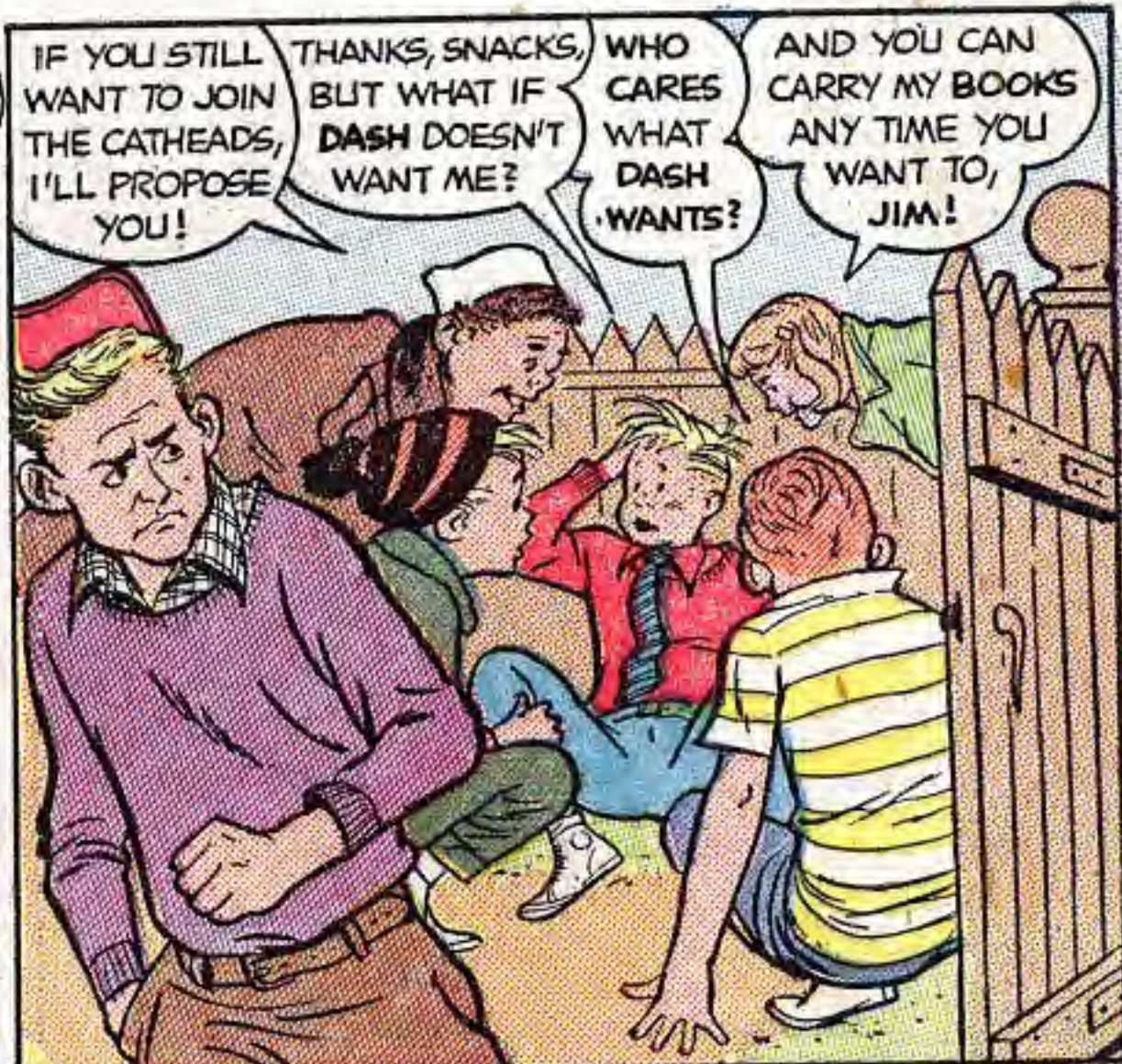
YOU SEE, I MET THIS...THAT IS...THIS MAGICIAN, ER...OWW!

THAT MAGIC SURE WORE OFF FAST!

LET ME THROUGH! HE MUST BE HURT!

HOW COULD HE? HE FELL ON HIS HEAD!

AH! THERE IT IS!



IF YOU STILL WANT TO JOIN THE CATHEADS, I'LL PROPOSE YOU!

THANKS, SNACKS, BUT WHAT IF DASH DOESN'T WANT ME?

WHO CARES WHAT DASH WANTS?

AND YOU CAN CARRY MY BOOKS ANY TIME YOU WANT TO, JIM!



GOSH, DENISE! DO YOU MEAN IT? SAY HONEST INJUN? OKAY, LET'S HAVE THEM!

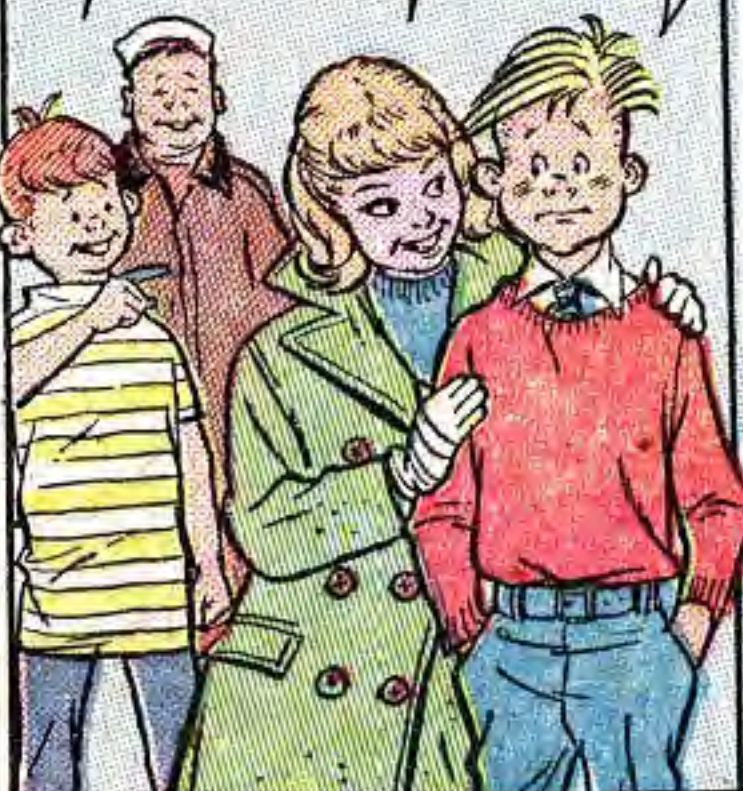
I DON'T HAVE MY BOOKS WITH ME BUT COME ON, ANYWAY!

YOU'VE SURE CHANGED YOUR TUNE, DENISE!

THAT'S MY PAL, JIM DANDY!

NOW THAT WE'RE REAL FRIENDLY JIM, TELL ME HOW YOU HUNG FROM THE AIR THAT WAY!

I CAN'T, DENISE!



JUMPING JET-STREAMS! I FORGOT ABOUT CUP!

CUP OF WHAT?



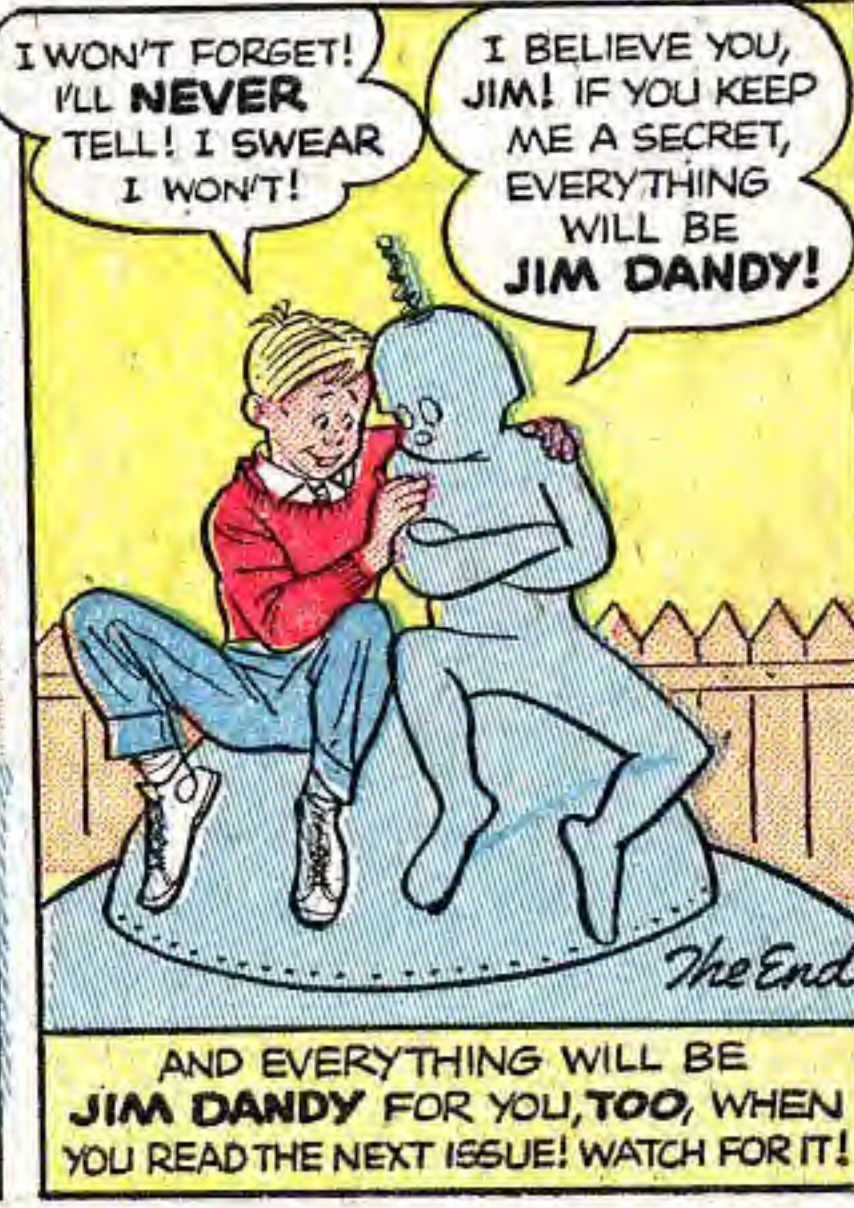
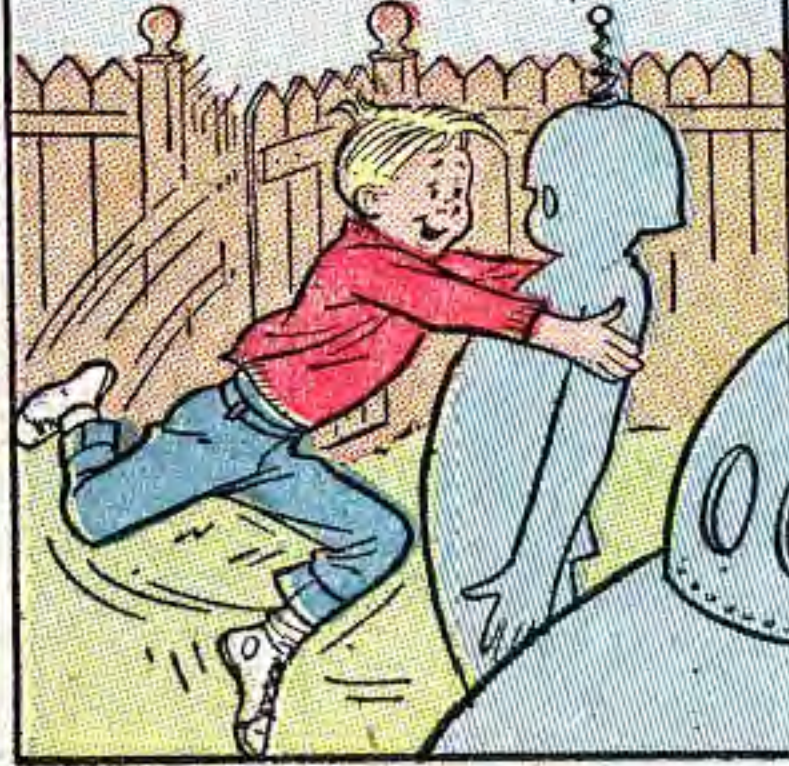
ER, I MEAN I FORGOT TO WASH MY CUP AN' SAUCER!

ISN'T JIM MYSTERIOUS!

OF ALL PEOPLE, YOU SHOULD TALK, DENISE!

CUP! YOU HAVEN'T GONE YET! I'M GLAD!

CALM DOWN! I'M STAYING! BUT DON'T FORGET—YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP ME A SECRET!



I WON'T FORGET! I'LL NEVER TELL! I SWEAR I WON'T!

I BELIEVE YOU, JIM! IF YOU KEEP ME A SECRET, EVERYTHING WILL BE JIM DANDY!

AND EVERYTHING WILL BE JIM DANDY FOR YOU, TOO, WHEN YOU READ THE NEXT ISSUE! WATCH FOR IT!

WHAT'S UP OUT THERE?

SLOW SPEED

If a jet plane travelling at a speed of 600 miles per hour left the earth for the moon, it would take sixteen days to get there. The same plane would require six and a half years to reach Mars – and seventeen and a half years to reach the sun.



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TAILING ALONG

The tails of comets range from about ten million to 100 million miles in length, and some have been visible to the unaided eye at incredible distances.

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SPACE ARMISTICE



A meteor falling from the sky was once responsible for the ending of a Central American revolution. General Pablo Castilliano, leading a revolt against the Nicaraguan government in 1906, was sitting quietly one night in a jungle camp near Puerta Cabezas. A meteor hurled out of some unknown reach of space, ripped through the canvas, and killed him. His soldiers, believing that Castilliano had been removed from the world by an act of God, decided that he had been an emissary sent to them for their ruination by the Devil, and immediately quit the revolution.

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A MATTER OF PULL

In order to be able to fly to the moon and escape the earth's pull of gravity, a space ship would have to fly at a speed of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles per second, 450 miles a minute, or 27,000 miles an hour. Furthermore, the traveler visiting the moon would have to take along not only his own air, but also heating and refrigerating devices. The temperature there varies from 200 degrees above zero to 200 degrees below.

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STICK AROUND AND SEE

In the year 1866 the entire month of February did not show a single full moon at any time. The months of January and March of that year had two full moons each. A similar heavenly display is not expected to happen again for some two and a half million years.



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NO ANIMALS NEEDED



Of the 1,500 asteroids found in the past century, many have been adopted as "pets" by their discoverers and given names of friends, colleges, cities, ships and even favorite dishes, such as the asteroid called "Hanawe" after a Syrian dessert. One astronomer became so attached to his 23 asteroids that he bequeathed a special fund to pay for future observations and records of their movements.

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THE INVISIBLE ECLIPSE

While a total eclipse of the sun takes place somewhere on an average of every seventeen months, countless millions of persons have lived and died without ever seeing one. For instance, no total eclipse was seen in London between 1115 and 1715, a period of 600 years.

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THE ATTACKERS FROM MARS

On February 12, 1949, a radio station in Quito, Ecuador, presented a dramatized broadcast of H. G. Wells novel "War of the Worlds," in which invading troops from the planet Mars attacked the country. So realistic was the program that thousands of listeners left their homes and places of business, believing that they were actually being attacked. When they later learned the story was a fictitious one, enraged mobs of citizens converged on the broadcasting studio, burned the building to the ground, and caused the program participants to flee for their lives. Police and military troops finally succeeded in restoring order.

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BAMMY BOOZZLE

and HIS WONDERFUL TRICKS!



WELL, POPSY, TOMORROW I'LL JUST BE ANOTHER DANCER LOOKING FOR A JOB! BUT RIGHT NOW I'LL HAVE TO RUN TO MAKE OUR CLOSING SHOW! YOU'D BETTER SNAP ALONG TO THAT JOB OF YOURS, TOO!



AND DON'T FORGET! YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO GET SOME OF YOUR BACK PAY FROM MR. BOYLE TODAY! YOU TELL HIM...???



POPSY! WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU DOING?

SIMPLY CONCOCTING A BATCH OF MY...AH... MARVELOUS MEDICINE LIKE I USED TO DO WHEN YOUR MOTHER AND I FOLLOWED THE CARNIVALS IN OUR SMALL TRUCK!



AH! THOSE WERE THE DAYS, TRIXIE! SHE DANCED AND PERFORMED ON THE BAGPIPES! I DID FEATS OF MAGIC AND LEGER-DEMAIN! WE SOLD COUNTLESS GALLONS OF BAMMY BOOZZLE'S MIRACLE ELIXIR! GUAR-AN-TEED TO RELIEVE THAT WEAK FEELING! SAY! WHY DON'T WE...



OH, NO!

YOU WON'T GET THIS GAL INTO A CRUMMY OLD MEDICINE SHOW! YOU MAY BE A ROLLING STONE, POPSY, BUT I WANT A LITTLE WHITE HOUSE WITH GREEN SHUTTERS...AND A RED ROOF...AND...AND... EVERYTHING!



ZOUNDS, GIRL! HAVE YOU NO SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE?

JUST WATCH THIS SAMPLE OF MY A-MAZING WIZARDRY! INTO MY MAGIC HAT I THROW A RED CARD, A WHITE CARD, AND A BLUE CARD!

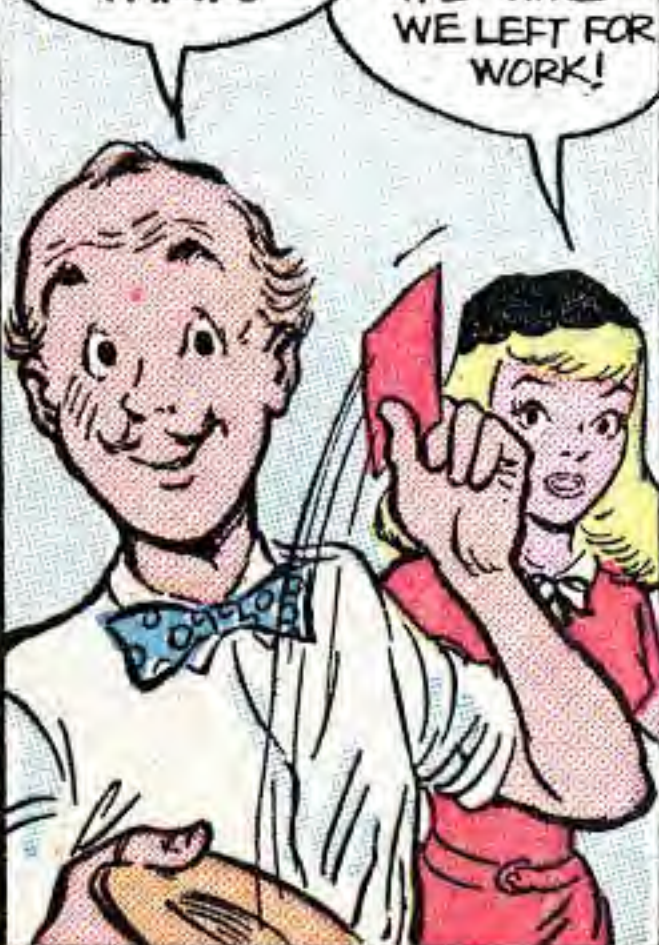


UH HUH!

THEN! I TAKE OUT THE RED CARD AND WHITE CARD! NOW, WHAT'S THE COLOR OF THE REMAINING CARD? DID YOU SAY BLUE?



B-LUE? A THOUSAND TIMES, NO!! IT IS RED! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?



I THINK IT'S TIME WE LEFT FOR WORK!

ALL RIGHT! (SIGH) AH, THE MISERABLE MONOTONY OF IT ALL!...ER...PICK YOU UP AT THE STAGE DOOR AFTER WORK, RIGHT?

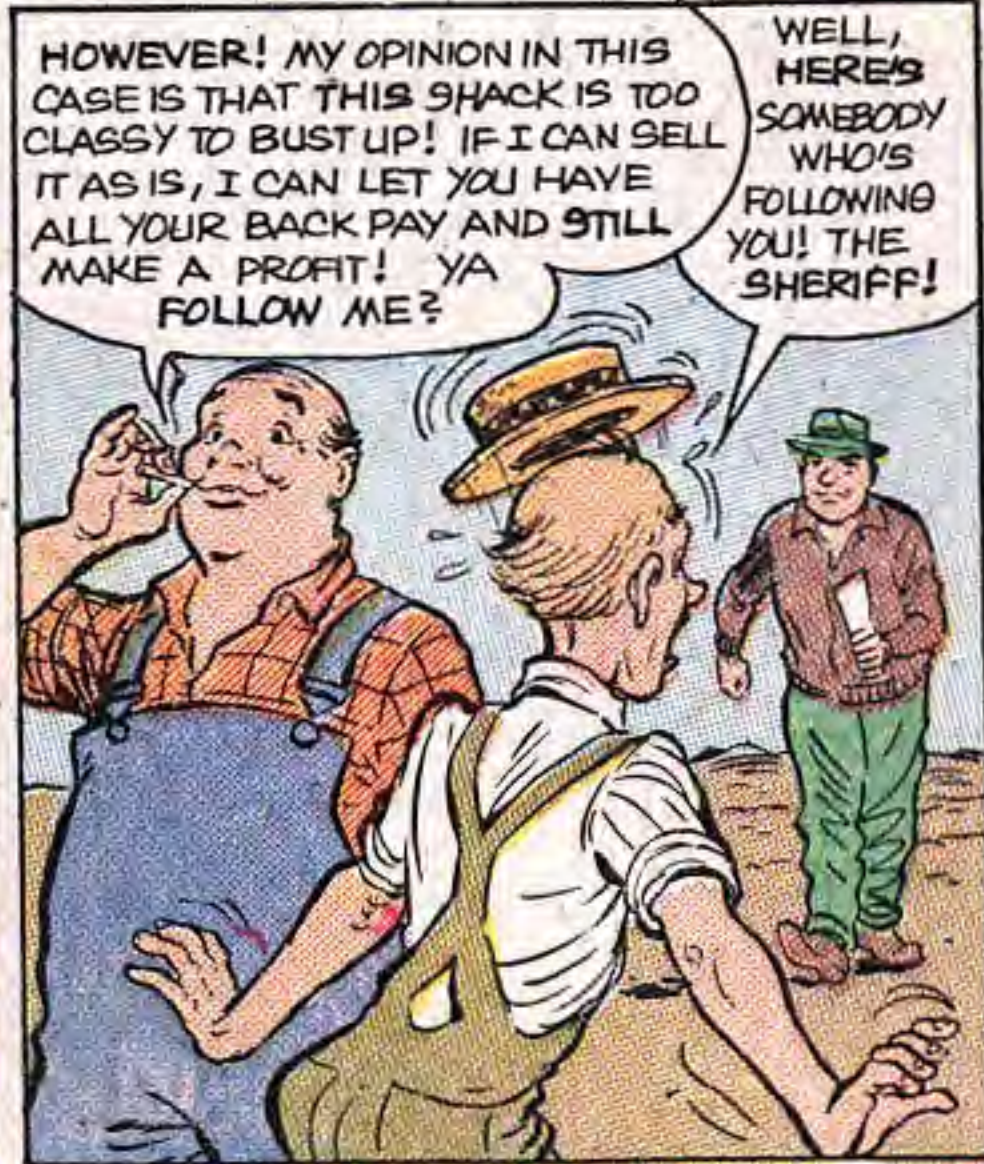


RIGHT! AND DON'T FORGET! ASK FOR YOUR BACK PAY!



SAY, MR. BOYLE, I HATE TO MENTION IT AGAIN, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD ANY PAY FOR SIX MONTHS! COULDN'T I PLEASE HAVE JUST A LITTLE OF IT?

RELAX, BAMMY! SEE THAT HOUSE? ALL THEY WANT ME TO DO IS TO HAUL IT AWAY! NOW, NORMALLY, I'D BUST IT UP AND SELL IT FOR SCRAP! YA FOLLOW ME?



HOWEVER! MY OPINION IN THIS CASE IS THAT THIS SHACK IS TOO CLASSY TO BUST UP! IF I CAN SELL IT AS IS, I CAN LET YOU HAVE ALL YOUR BACK PAY AND STILL MAKE A PROFIT! YA FOLLOW ME?

WELL, HERE'S SOMEBODY WHO'S FOLLOWING YOU! THE SHERIFF!



THIS IS A COURT ORDER, MR. BOYLE, AND ...Oopp!

SHERIFF! I'VE GOT A GREAT TRICK FOR YOU! I'LL BORROW THIS PAPER!



NOW! A SNAP OF THE FINGERS...A WAVE OF THE HAND, AND PRESTO! PLAYING CARDS!

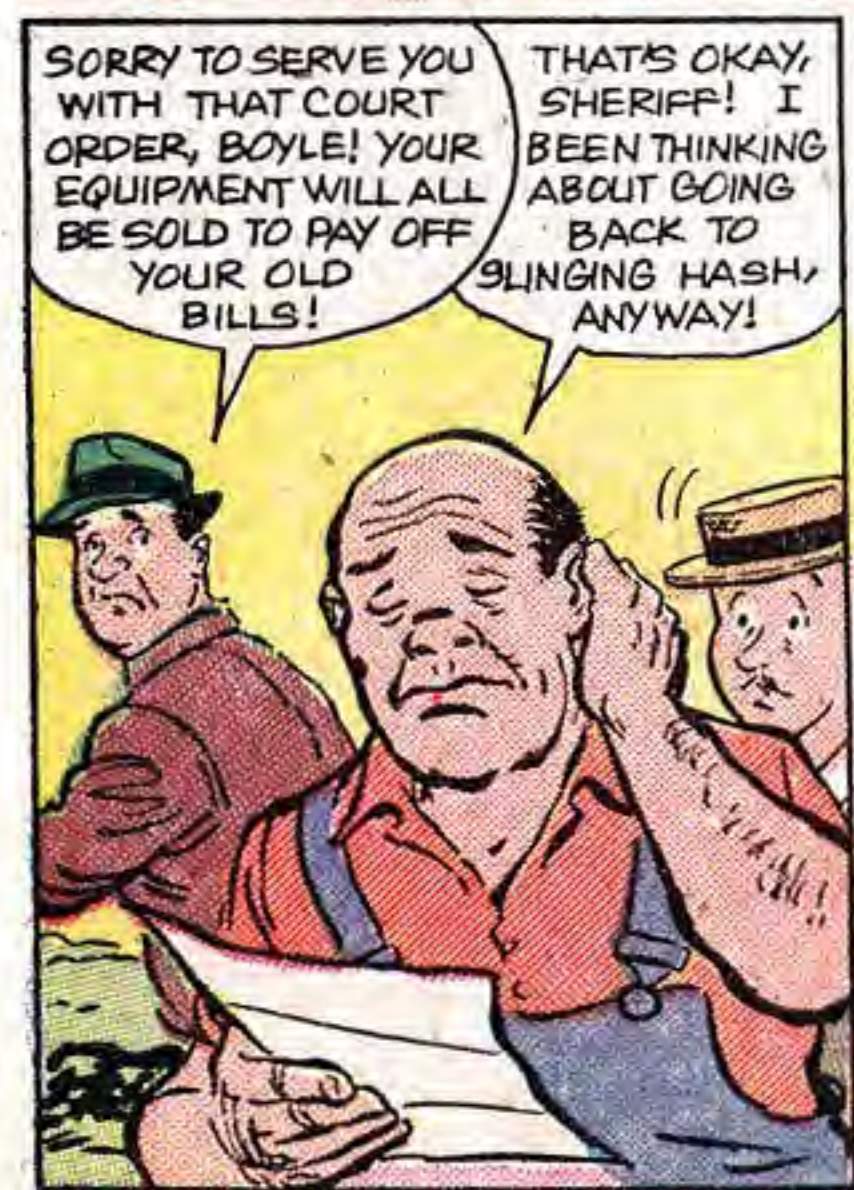
ALL RIGHT, BAMMY! GIVE BACK THAT PAPER!



HEH, HEH! WHAT GULP? PAPER?

THIS PAPER! IN YOUR HIP POCKET!

THANKS, BAMMY! IT'S NO USE—I WAS EXPECTING THIS!



SORRY TO SERVE YOU WITH THAT COURT ORDER, BOYLE! YOUR EQUIPMENT WILL ALL BE SOLD TO PAY OFF YOUR OLD BILLS!

THAT'S OKAY, SHERIFF! I BEEN THINKING ABOUT GOING BACK TO SLINGING HASH, ANYWAY!



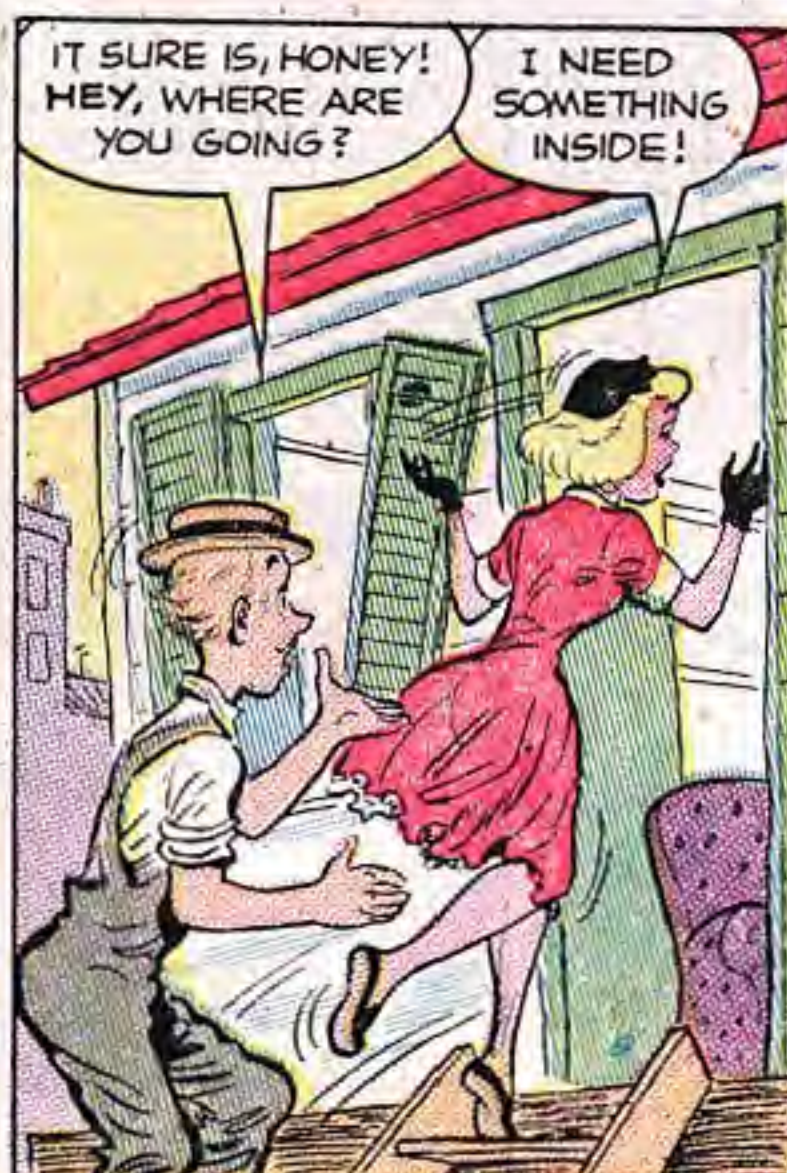
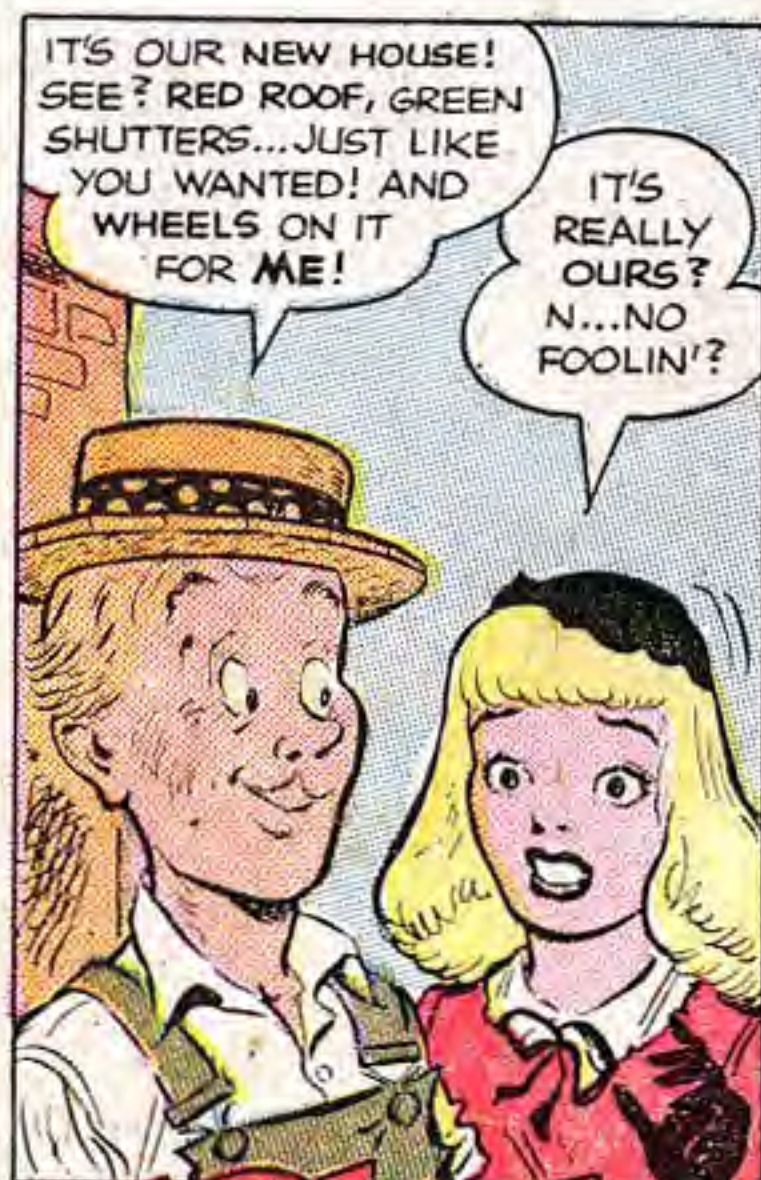
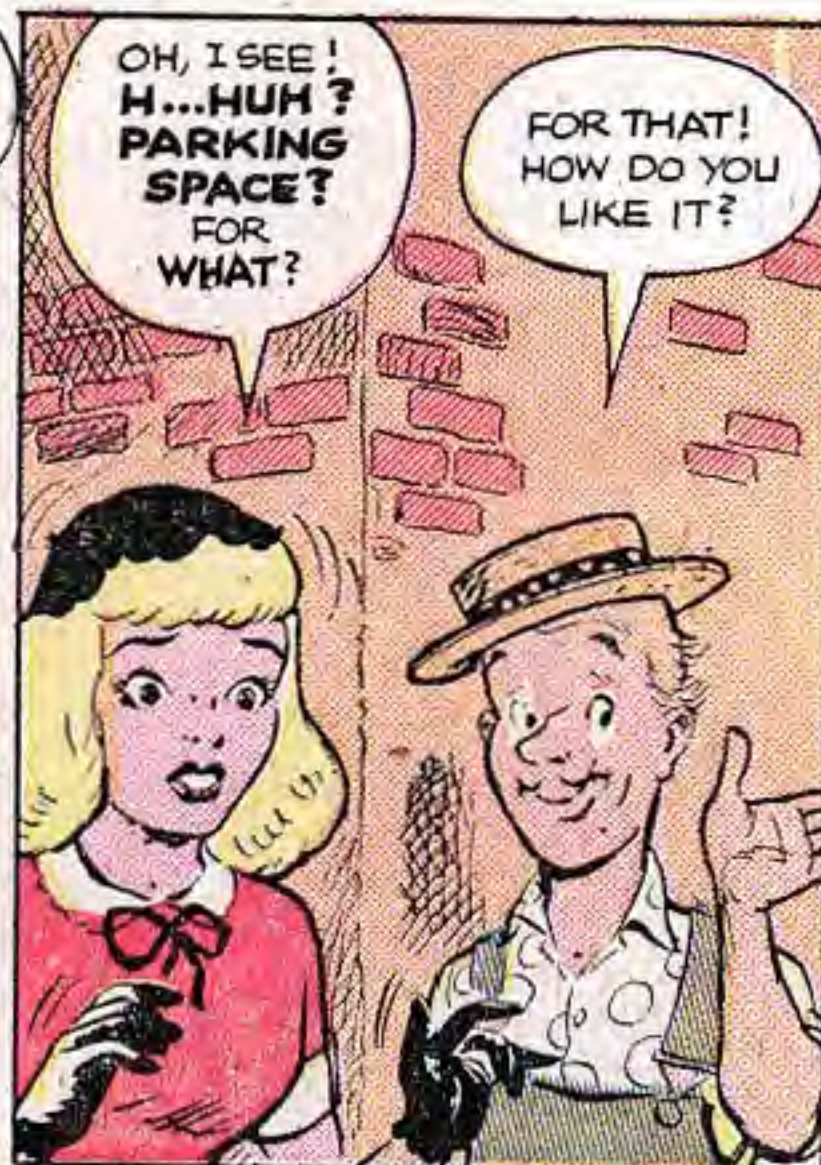
LISTEN, BAMMY, I LIKE YOU! I OWE YOU AS MUCH AS I DO THOSE OTHER GUYS! TAKE WHATEVER YOU WANT! HOW ABOUT THE TRUCK?

SAY, NOW! DOES THE HOUSE GO WITH IT?



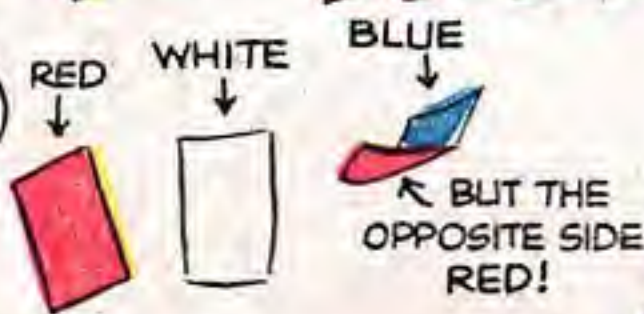
SURE! TAKE THE WHOLE WORKS! GOOD-BYE, BAMMY! AND GOOD LUCK!

GAD-ZOOKS! THANKS, MR. BOYLE, AND SAME TO YOU!



TRIXIE TELLS!

HI! WANT TO SEE HOW BAMMY DOES THAT TRICK WITH THE DISAPPEARING BLUE CARD? LOOK!



AS THE DIAGRAM SHOWS, ONE CARD HAS A BLUE SIDE AND A RED SIDE! YOU SHOW THE BLUE SIDE AS YOU DROP IT INTO THE HAT, BUT YOU SHOW THE RED SIDE WHEN YOU TAKE IT OUT! BRING OUT THE REAL RED CARD LAST, AND HAND IT TO YOUR MYSTIFIED AUDIENCE TO EXAMINE!



HERE'S ANOTHER TRICK OF BAMMY'S! ALL YOU NEED ARE TWO EMPTY MATCH BOXES AND SOME COLORED TISSUE PAPER!

ROLL UP A TINY BALL OF RED PAPER AND PUT IT IN A BOX. MAKE A RED MARK ON THE DRAWER!



PUT A BLUE BALL IN THE OTHER BOX! MARK THIS DRAWER BLUE! CLOSE THE BOXES AND LAY THEM DOWN!

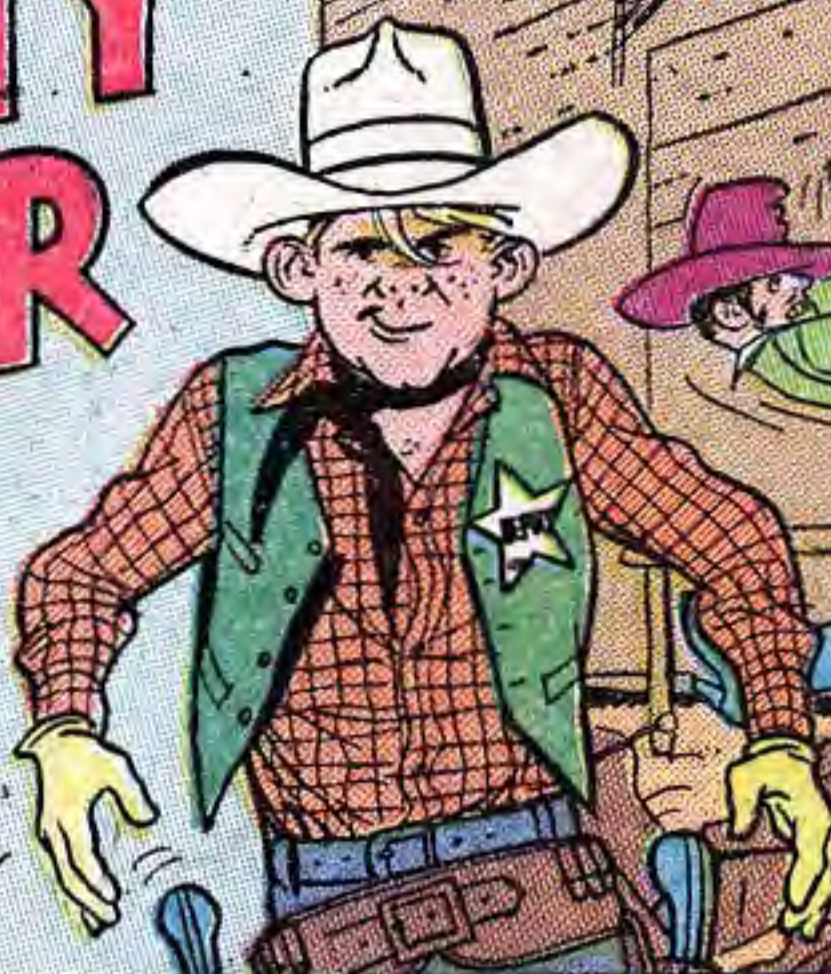
NOW OPEN THEM! THE RED AND BLUE BALLS WILL HAVE MAGICALLY CHANGED PLACES!

HOW? EASY! PREPARE THE BOXES IN ADVANCE BY MARKING THE OTHER END OF EACH DRAWER WITH THE OPPOSITE COLOR! AS YOU PICK THE BOXES UP TO OPEN THEM, QUICKLY TURN THEM AROUND!

SHORTY SHINER

"THE FIVE-FOOT
FIGHTER IN THE
TEN GALLON HAT!"

IN "the
DEPUTY"



AND STAY OUT!

SALOON

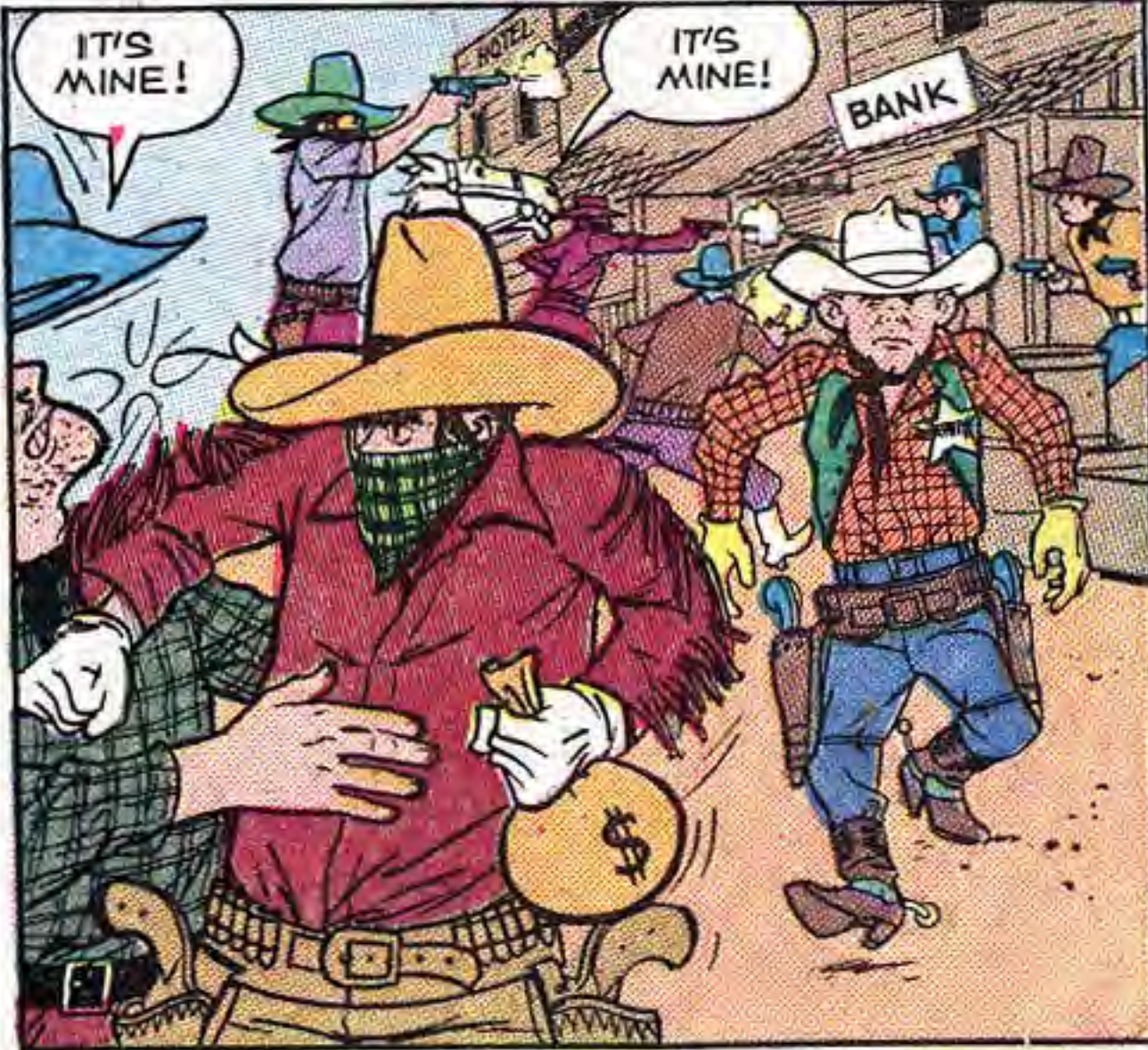
YIPPEE! AHOO!
EAYAH!



IT'S
MINE!

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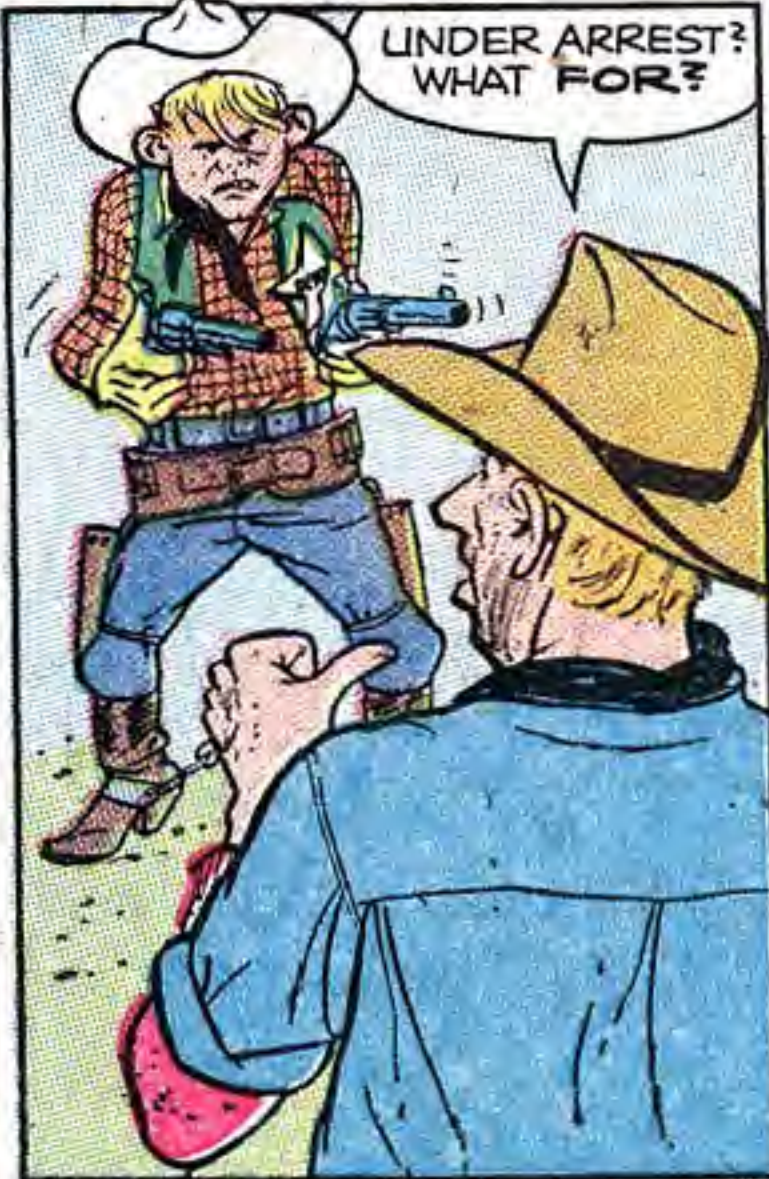
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HOLD ON THERE!
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST!



UNDER ARREST?
WHAT FOR?



JAY
WALKING!



I'M
**SHORTY
SHINER!**

PLEASED-

-TO MEET CHA!

NOW I'M
GITTIN'
AWFUL,
TURRIBLE
MAD!

Don't
Miss
**SHORTY
SHINER**

THE FIVE-FOOT FIGHTER
in the **TEN GALLON HAT!**

*Nature played a joke on him-
that's why he's just naturally
funny. watch for this **NEW** comic.*

ON ALL
NEWSSTANDS
SOON
Don't Miss It!



I TOLD YOU
THIS WAS MORE
LIKE FOOTBALL
WEATHER!



WHO, ME?
I NEVER FIGHT,
I SUE!



HI!



MEET

JIM

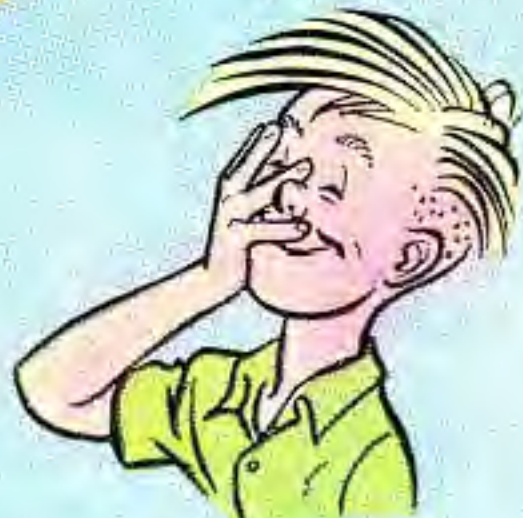
DANDY

HOWEVER FAINT, AMERICA'S
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

GEE
MOM, I JUST
COMBED
IT!



IF THEY SEE
I'M GIGGLING,
THEY'LL KNOW
I DID IT!



WHO'D HAVE
THOUGHT HE'D
BE SO TOUCHY!



MUSIC
LEND DIGNITY,
IT'S CULTURAL...
FIVE LONG
MINUTES
TO GO!



IF YOU'RE
SO SMART WHY
AREN'T YOU
RICH?



WHAT'S HIS BIG SECRET?